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UNUSUAL RADIO THRILL

Hong Kong listeners to Daventry at midnight last night report an unusual thrill when, at 00.06 a.m. (4 p.m. G.M.T.) they heard, above the news commentator's voice, the sudden wail of a siren.

The announcer stopped speaking and the interval signal came on for about five minutes, the station itself remaining on the air.

Apologising for the "short interruption," the announcer then went on with the news in a calm voice.

THE KING'S MESSAGE TO AIR FORCE

The following message, congratulating the fighter squadrons of the R.A.F., has been received from the King by the Secretary of State for Air:

"Please convey my warmest congratulations to the fighter squadrons who, in recent days have been so heavily engaged in the defence of our country."

"I, like all their compatriots, have read with ever-increasing admiration, the story of their latest victories. I wish them continued success and the best of luck." — Reuter.

IMPORTANT TALKS

Haydar Aktay, Turkish Ambassador in Moscow, arrived in Istanbul yesterday en route to Ankara.

Political observers attach great importance to the conferences which he will have with Turkish leaders.

It is believed they will contribute to better mutual understanding and an improvement in Turco-Russian relations. — Reuter.

50 German Planes Destroyed Early On: London Casualties

WHILE GERMAN RAIDS ON ENGLAND UP TO NOON YESTERDAY WERE ON A SMALLER SCALE THAN USUAL, ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY IN THE AFTERNOON WAS RESUMED IN FULL FORCE, CHIEF ATTENTION BEING CONCENTRATED ON THE THAMES ESTUARY (WHERE TILBURY DOCKS WERE PRESUMABLY THE OBJECTIVE), WHILE LONDON HAD ITS FIRST AIR RAID, A SOUTH-WESTERN SUBURB SUFFERING HEAVILY.

RAIDERS BOMB AN ME. WRECK!

A GERMAN BOMBER CROSSED THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF BRITAIN EARLY ON FRIDAY MORNING AND, SEEING A PLANE ON THE GROUND, THOUGHT IT HAD LOCATED AN AERODROME AND DROPPED SOME HEAVY BOMBS, ALL OF WHICH FELL WIDE.

This will no doubt appear suitably embellished in one of Dr. Goebbel's communiques, but the fact is that the waste is even greater than just that of a "miss."

The plane on the ground was not on an aerodrome and was in fact a Messerschmidt which had been shot down some hours before by one of our planes! — Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN T.N.T. FACTORY

Five men were killed in an explosion yesterday at the Atlas power plant at Joplin, Missouri. Cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained.

The plant employs between 200 and 300 men and has been producing two million lbs of T.N.T. a month, over half of which is being purchased by British agents.

It is announced that G-men would investigate the explosion but at the moment there is no information indicating sabotage. — Reuter.

AMERICAN JUMPS INTO THE HARBOUR

An American seaman, Walter Bowers, jumped into the harbour from the Electric Star yesterday afternoon to rescue a batch of ship's passes which had been blown overboard.

Bowers, who is one of the crew of the s.s. San Francisco, was taken to Kowloon Hospital where he was not detained.

R.A.F. fighters again distinguished themselves, and in constant actions throughout the day, says the Air Ministry, it can be stated that more than 50 enemy aircraft have been destroyed. Twelve of our fighters are reported lost but the pilots of eight are safe.

A fierce air battle occurred over a south-east town in the afternoon; Nazi planes crashed around the town and the crews were seen to bale out. In the evening bombs were dropped on south-east towns.

A large force of German bombers flew over a south-east coast town last night; when they returned, later their numbers were markedly depleted.

An R.A.F. fighter bagged two raiders within two minutes yesterday afternoon over south-east England.

Cows' Interest

He shot down a Heinkel and saw it blow up, and, with an acrobatic somersault fastened upon a Messerschmidt 110 with guns blazing.

The enemy crashed and blew to pieces near a farm.

An eye-witness said some cows were in the field. They ran away and then came back to look at the wreckage.

Five Germans were killed in the Heinkel and two in the Messerschmidt.

An Air Ministry communiqué stated enemy air activity was on a small scale until midday when a large force of bombers approached the south-east coast.

Some of these came inland but were intercepted by our fighters and turned back before reaching the outskirts of London.

The remainder entered the Thames Estuary and dropped bombs at several points on either side of the Estuary.

At Tilbury and Northfleet some damage was done and a number of people injured, of whom some were killed.

Heavily Engaged

These raiders were also heavily engaged by anti-aircraft guns.

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ANOTHER NAVAL V.C.

The London Gazette last night announced the award of the Victoria Cross to Lt. Richard Bean Stannard, R.N.R., of H.M.S. Arab, for outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty at Namsos. — Reuter.

BRITAIN READY TO LEASE AIR BASES TO U.S.

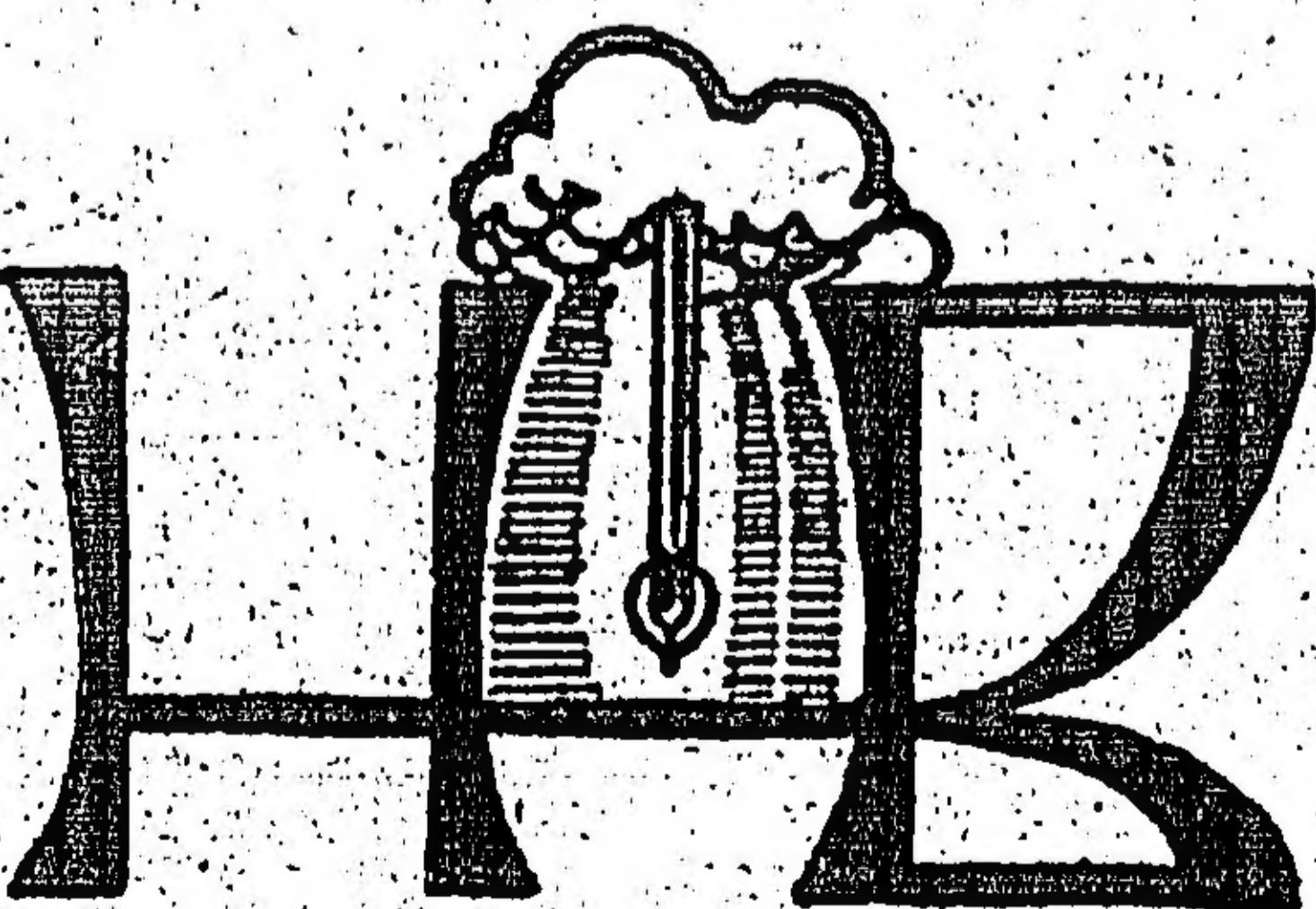
The British Government is prepared to consider sympathetically any proposal from the United States for the lease of air bases on British isles in the Western Hemisphere, it is officially stated in London.

Reports that the Government is prepared to sell any of the islands to the States or to "swap" them for destroyers are declared to be without foundation. — Reuter.

THE SOMALILAND INVASION

A communiqué in Cairo yesterday stated the British forces in Somaliland continue to hold their reserve positions despite constant renewed enemy pressure. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

R.A.F. KEEP UP HEAVY RAIDS ON ITALY AND REICH

WHILE GERMAN RAIDS on Britain continued yesterday on the same scale as in the past few days, R.A.F. bombers hit back at German-occupied aerodromes and also renewed their attacks on Italy.

The Fiat aero engine factory at Turin and the Caproni aircraft works at Milan were bombed, while a blast furnace near Genoa was also hit.

Other strong forces of our bomber aircraft, says the Air Ministry, attacked

Oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and Reisholz,

Munition factories at Luen, Essen, Gladbach and Dusseldorf,

Wharves at Emmerich, on the Dutch-German frontier,

Supply depots at Hamm and Soest and

Several aerodromes in France, Holland and Germany.

The dock basin at Helder (Holland) was attacked by aircraft of the Coastal Command at night.

Aircraft of this Command on night patrol shot down an enemy seaplane. Three aircraft are missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

Much Damage

The Air Ministry news service says that during further attacks on Italian production centres clouds made observation difficult.

Nevertheless enough was seen to establish that much damage was done on Tuesday night, and both Italian factories were accurately bombed again, causing fires and explosions.

One pilot made several direct runs over the Fiat works and obtained direct hits through the glass roof.

The attack on Helder (Holland) caused fires and explosions, when salvoes of bombs burst on the quayside.

In the raids on Germany, oil refineries and storage plants in the Ruhr were attacked.

Gelsenkirchen bore the brunt of the attack. Two oil producing and storage installations there were singled out and systematically bombed for nearly two hours by units of two separate raiding forces.

One refinery was repeatedly straddled with high explosive bombs and one crew counted at least 25 fires raging in all parts of the target area.

Fiftieth Hamm Visit

Fires broke out all over another oil plant nearby.

Over 17 tons of high explosive bombs and several hundred incendiary bombs were dropped on a munition factory at Luenen despite well-organized ground defences which included A.A. guns, numerous searchlights and a balloon barrage.

Hamm was raided for the fiftieth time.

A line of bombs was laid across the Krupps armament factory at Essen which had already been severely damaged in a previous large-scale raid.

At Leeuwarden, in northern Holland, direct hits were made on hangars in a low level attack and fires were started among aircraft round the aerodrome.—Reuter.

TRADING WITH ENEMY ORDER

The following names, mostly Italian, have been added to the list compiled under the Trading With The Enemy (Specified Persons) Order:—Carlo Pareto and Cia, Athens; Banca Commerciale Italiana e Greca, Athens; Italian Bank for China, Shanghai; Banca Commerciale Italiana — Romania, Bucharest; Banco di Roma (Espana), Madrid; Banco di Roma, Lugano; Banca della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano; Banca Unione di Credito, Lugano; Banca Crotta S.A., Zagreb; Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amérique du Sud S.A., Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Bogota, and Monte Video; Banca di Roma, Baghdad; Magyar-Olasz Bank (Ungarisch-Italienische Bank A.G.); Budapest; Banco di Napoli, Buenos Aires; Banco Italiano S.A., Guayaquil and Manta, Ecuador; H. Sturzenegger & Co., Basle; Banca Commerciale Italiana, Istanbul and Izmir; Banco di Roma S.A., Istanbul and Izmir; Deutsche Orientbank (Filiale der Dresdner Bank), Istanbul and Izmir; Deutsche Bank, Istanbul; Johann Grodtkmann, La Tour de Peilz, Vevey, Switzerland.

HOLIDAY WITH PAY FOR MINERS

Despite the war, Yorkshire miners are to have holidays with pay this summer. But it will be only three days, including Sunday. Mr. J. A. Hall, the Yorkshire miners president, told a reporter that the joint committee formed to accelerate coal production had agreed that a brief respite was justified, especially in Yorkshire where the seams are difficult and the working conditions exacting.

They had come to the conclusion that a short break would be of benefit all round. Under the new agreement men will receive for the three-day holiday a minimum payment of 30s. with bonuses up to a maximum of £3 10s. This maximum is 10s. higher than was allowed under the old agreement.

Boys will get 30s. to 35s. Men of sixty underground and of sixty-five on the surface will receive the maximum.

Mr. Hall said that it was possible that further three days holiday with pay might be granted between the summer holiday and the end of the year.

CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

Further Canadian volunteers for the Navy have arrived in Britain, states an Ottawa announcement.—Reuter.

Permission to Mr. S. H. Langston and Mr. P. Tod to quit the H.K. Defence Reserve is gazetted.

CHINA AIR RATES UP

To cover increased overhead expenses, the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, with the approval of the Ministry of Communications, has announced an all-round increase in passenger fares along all the lines as from August 15. The new passenger fares are: (1) Kunming-Hanoi \$390, Hanoi-Kunming Piastres 140; (2) Chungking-Hanoi \$850, Hanoi-Chungking Piastres 300; (3) Chungking-Kunming \$470; (4) Chungking-Yulin \$440; (5) Kweilin-Hong Kong \$520, Hong Kong-Kweilin HKS270; (6) Hong Kong-Chungking HKS540, Chungking-Hong Kong \$980; (7) Chungking-Chengtu \$230; (8) Chengtu-Lanchow \$520; (9) Lanchow-Liangchow \$180; (10) Liangchow-Suchow \$340; and (11) Suchow-Hami \$480.

—Central News.

THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERY WOMAN

THERE'S A WAR JOB for every woman—the lonely one to whom the world has seemed unkind, the busy housewife with a family, even the older woman no longer as strong as she was.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, in a radio talk told the women of Britain how they can help.

"Have you really tried to get into the war effort, or were you discouraged at the first refusal?" she asked.

"Have you applied at your town or county hall? There is this national canvass for salvage to be done. Can you think out new ways of saving things, of helping over-tired, overstrained people who are doing war work?"

"Always you can make yourself a centre of high morale. In my local store I heard a woman telling a blood-curdling yarn of horribly wounded men cared for in secret hospitals by the Ministry of Pensions. When I told her that I helped to run that Ministry and would be interested to know where these cases were, she hurriedly left the shop.

"Eh, miss, but she does talk, that one," said the other woman.

Challenge Nonsense!

"The woman who fearlessly challenges such nonsense tales is doing a grand job if she does nothing else. She is helping to fight the bogey of fear. And it is fear, not their own strength, that has won the Nazis their victories so far.

"I heard a silly young woman say recently, 'Well, if we can't buy any new clothes, we might as well live under Hitler.' The Nazi gangsters' only use for women is that they shall provide more and yet more children to keep the war machine going.

"History shows that the firmness of a people's resistance depends on the women," Miss Wilkinson went on.

"In this crisis it is no use we women thinking that, somehow, we can keep our comforts. If we are worrying about what is going to happen to the ornaments on the mantelpiece so to speak, our nation will fall.

"If we are ready to throw our most cherished objects at the head of the enemy, the point of successful resistance is reached. The tide will turn."

Types of women who are a problem in war time, said Miss Wilkinson, are the woman who walls, "If someone will tell me what to do, I'll do it," and the

TRAINING CADRE REGULATION

THE FOLLOWING NEW REGULATION AFFECTING THE TRAINING CADRE HAS BEEN MADE UNDER THE COMPULSORY SERVICE ORDINANCE:

Where a member has been assigned or transferred to a section of a group for compulsory training in elementary drill and the use and care of firearms under regulation I, such member shall comply with all disciplinary orders and instructions given to him with reference to and in the course of such training and if he fails to do so to the satisfaction of the person in immediate charge of the drill, parade or other form of training, or if he otherwise misconducts himself in connection with such training he may be reprimanded by such person in charge or by the Organiser of his group, or he may be required, subject to the approval of such Organiser, to undergo extra drills, fatigues or suitable training by way of punishment for his neglect of duty or misconduct.

Any refusal of failure to undergo such punishment shall be deemed a breach of these regulations within the meaning of regulation 3.

COLONY'S FINANCES

Every head of Government revenue during May showed a substantial increase on the figures for May, 1939.

Total income for the month was \$3,785,615 against \$2,809,790 in May, 1939.

These figures are provided in the comparative statement published by the Treasury this morning, covering the fifth month of the financial year, showing an excess of income over expenditure and the surplus balance to be \$18,503,080.

Expenditure was \$700,000 higher than in May last year, primarily on account of the cost of defence measures and war expenditure.

For the five months, the Colony's income totalled \$19,910,505, and expenditure, \$18,498,596, including \$2,137,719 under the head of War Expenditure, which covered among other things, votes of sums to the Imperial Treasury.

VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS

The following official appointments are announced:

Mr. J. B. Smith to be Acting Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

Dr. S. Bard to be Lieutenant and Sgt. J. Barrow to be 2nd Lieutenant in the H.K.V.D.C.

GREEK EXCITEMENT OVER SINKING OF CRUISER

THE ATHENS NEWSPAPERS yesterday expressed the intense indignation of the whole nation at the torpedoing of the cruiser Helle. The attack is condemned as an unprecedented crime.—Reuter.

"No Italian submarine has reported that it torpedoed a Greek warship and no Italian submarine has been cruising in the area where the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser Helle took place," stated the Stefani news agency in Rome yesterday.

"Angry and bitter anti-British comment is made in Rome. 'Responsible circles' there, quoted by the agency, state: 'From instructions in the British press, also published in some American newspapers, it is easy to reconstruct a manoeuvre directed once again by those whose interests it is to make a supreme effort to kindle a fire in the Balkan magazine.' It is learned in London that the Minister called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon to present the protest.—Reuter.

SWISS PROTEST

The Swiss radio stated last night that the Swiss Minister in London has been instructed to protest to the British Government against the alleged flights of British aircraft over Swiss territory on the way to Italy, and to insist that "strict measures should be taken to prevent a repetition."

It is learned in London that the Minister called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon to present the protest.—Reuter.

ONE IN SIX SHOT DOWN

Infantry Troops Assist In Thursday's Huge Bag

Several Killed In Attack On Croydon

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE to give a clearer picture of the extent of Thursday's raids on Britain and of the losses sustained by the Germans.

The outstanding feature is that one-sixth of the 1,000 Nazi planes sent over was shot down, while although 17 British pilots were lost the Germans themselves lost over 600 airmen!

A total of 169 German planes was shot down, an all-time record for any air battle. The final figures show the extent to which all departments of Britain's defences cooperated in this magnificent feat, for 153 Nazi planes were shot down by R.A.F. fighters, 2 by the Coastal Command, 11 by anti-aircraft units, 1 by a Lewis-gun attached to a searchlight, and 2 by fire from infantry.

Britain lost 34 planes altogether, but 17 of the pilots are safe.

The results of Thursday's raids were surprisingly small from the British point of view when compared with German losses.

A number of people were killed in the raid on the Croydon civilian aerodrome, which itself sustained no serious damage, although a number of buildings were hit, including a scent factory. Some fires were started but were quickly under control.

Agency reports state that the dead include two men killed when a row of houses was demolished by bombs falling in front and behind. One bomb made a crater 25 feet deep and 35 feet in diameter.

One man was taking his family to an Anderson shelter. His wife and four children were safe in the shelter and he was just about to enter it himself when a high-explosive bomb fell in the back garden. He was killed outright.

The force of another bomb lifted an empty car into the air, twisted it round and crashed it down onto its roof, leaving the wheels spinning in the air.

The Chief of the Croydon Police has paid a warm tribute to rescue squads which searched debris for hours looking for any possible trapped victims.

Hospital Hit

An official communiqué says that damage was done to a Midlands town, where buildings including a sanatorium and a hospital were hit.

Agency reports state that two nurses were seriously injured in the sanatorium but that the 380 patients were all taken to shelters and were not injured. Slight damage was done to a factory in the south-west, while at Rochester industrial premises were hit and some houses destroyed, but there were no fatal casualties.

On the north-east coast, several persons were killed and others injured, while a train was hit by splinters.

Bombs also fell in a residential area at Hastings, where one person was killed and several injured.

One death is reported in Yorkshire, where some private property was damaged.

Portland Again

There was another ineffective attack on Portland and although there were a few casualties none were fatal.

Raids continued during the night over a wide area but not on a large scale.

Incendiary bombs were dropped in the Eastern Counties in open country. There were no casualties and no appreciable damage. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S SUSCEPTIBILITIES

THE STOCKHOLM "OEST-GOETEN" REMARKED YESTERDAY ON THE EXTREME SENSITIVENESS DISPLAYED BY EUROPE'S BUILDERS—THEY CANNOT TOLERATE THE SMALLEST SHADE OF CRITICISM.

They cannot even hear English reports being published side by side with German communiques.

The fact that German reports are published in England and every Englishman read Hitler's speech long before the Germans dropped copies over the country constitutes a healthy comparison. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PATROL SURPRISED

A NAIROBI COMMUNIQUE STATES A PATROL OF OUR FORWARD TROOPS SURPRISED AN ENEMY PATROL IN THE NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICT.

Four of the enemy were killed and five captured. Our troops suffered no casualties.

During an air reconnaissance in southern Abyssinia our aircraft secured direct hits on a motor transport and camel convoy. — Reuter.

BRIGHTER TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Prices again moved up on the

London Stock Exchange yesterday

under the lead of gold minings

which were well supported both

from the Cape and locally. Trini-

dad oils were also bought. Other

groups mostly advanced early and

retained a greater part of the

gains despite quieter business late

in the session. Wall Street was

irregular. — Reuter.

CHILDREN ARRIVE IN CANADA

A further party of children from England, evacuated under the Government sponsored scheme, arrived in Canada yesterday. — Reuter.

STREAKED WITH GALLANTRY

From the way British claims are splashed and German figures are hidden in the inner pages of newspapers, it is obvious how the American press feels about the conflicting claims of recent air losses.

The "Baltimore Sun" said yesterday it is possible to say that the British, in their methodical way, streaked with gallantry, are giving an extraordinary account of themselves in the air.

It becomes clearer and clearer that those who reported on the unity and determination of the islanders in this crisis were speaking cold facts. — Reuter.

They are taking up immediately their duties as observers of German methods of attack. — Reuter.

MYSTERY OF NAZI NERVOUSNESS SOLVED

PEARSON ALLEN, columnist of the New York "Mirror," yesterday wrote: "American air attacks have sent back glowing reports of British successes telling how sometimes one British pursuit plane would put to flight a Nazi squadron.

Nazi planes about faced and fled so timidly that it was suspected they had orders from Berlin not to engage in battle.

Now the mystery of German tactics has been solved. German planes are not equipped with navigation instruments and only the leader of the squadron carries such instruments.

Every British plane, however, is a complete unit fully equipped and can act independently.

Reason for the failure to equip Nazi planes was Hitler's haste to build them and desire to cut down expense. — Reuter.

THAILAND POSTPONES 'DEMOCRACY'

THE FINAL PHASE OF THAILAND'S EVOLUTION AS A DEMOCRATIC STATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED BY DECISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH BY A LARGE MAJORITY YESTERDAY PASSED A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PRESENT STATE OF TRANSITION FROM AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY BY 10 YEARS FROM 1942.

During this period half the members of the Assembly will be elected but the other half will be appointed by the Government.

The mover of the resolution said the people were not yet sufficiently educated for full democracy. — Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA RAID: ONE KILLED

A naval communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday states one person is reported killed and four injured in a raid on the Alexandria area yesterday. — Reuter.

3,000 DEAD IN JAPANESE RAID ON LUCHOW

Three thousand civilians are reported to have been killed during a Japanese air raid on Luchow on Monday. — Reuter.

U.S. OBSERVERS ARRIVE

Rear-Admiral Ghormley, of the U.S. Navy, and Brigadier-General George Strong, of the U.S. Army, arrived in London yesterday.

They are taking up immediately their duties as observers of German methods of attack. — Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND FUND FOR FIGHTERS

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE STERLING TO ENABLE NEW ZEALANDERS TO SUBSCRIBE N.Z. £100,000, WHICH IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT £80,000, FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANES AS A GIFT TO BRITAIN IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PROWESS OF THE R.A.F.

Mr. Nash, the Finance Minister, making the announcement in Auckland yesterday, suggested that any amount above £100,000 should be devoted to the Empire air scheme. — Reuter.

SHOT GIRL BECAUSE HE LOVED HER

A youth's love for a schoolgirl whom he shot dead before taking his own life was told at an inquest at Chelmsford, Essex, on John Cottis, aged nineteen, cowboy, and Ann Muirhead, fourteen, pupil at Chelmsford High School and daughter of Woodham Ferrers village postmaster.

The coroner found that Cottis murdered the girl and then committed suicide.

A note found in his pocket read: "I loved Ann with all my heart. She has taken to soldiers, but this is where I take steps before there is trouble. I feel sorry for her parents and mine. — John."

Police-Sergeant Collins said he could find no evidence that the girl had been seen with soldiers.

MINISTER IS DIVORCED. ... 'MR. X.' PLEA FAILS

A WOMAN WAS GRANTED a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of the adultery of her husband, a Nonconformist minister, with the daughter of another clergyman.

It had been claimed that a mysterious "Mr. X." was the father of the girl's child, but the President, Sir Boyd Merriman, said he had no doubt the father was the Rev. William George Davis, of Froome, Mordiford, Herefordshire.

Mr. Davis, who till recently was minister of a Congregational church at Cardiff, and his wife, Mrs. Lottie Rebecca Davis, of Foxhill, Faversham, Kent, brought cross-suits.

Mr. Davis charged his wife with cruelty and she alleged his adultery with Miss Grace Agnes Teager, a registered foster-mother, of Froome, Mordiford.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who have three daughters, were married at Faversham, Kent, in 1904. In 1926 he left his wife and in the Divorce Court in October, 1929, obtained judicial separation on the ground of cruelty.

Mrs. Davis did not contest the charge of cruelty. In her cross-suit she alleged that her husband committed adultery with Miss Teager in 1926, resulting in the birth of a child in January, 1929. There was a further charge of adultery in 1937 when Mr. Davis and Miss Teager were living in Marlborough Road, Cardiff.

Mr. Davis and Miss Teager denied the allegations against them.

Giving judgment, Sir Boyd Merriman said it was a distressing case. Mr. Davis got his 1929 decree on charges that his wife persecuted him with monstrous and unfounded allegations of adultery.

For the eleven years before the husband and wife parted in 1926 there had been evidence confirming the view of Lord Merrivale (who tried the separation suit) that this persecution had existed.

Mysterious Mr. X. He did not disagree with Lord Merrivale, but it did not follow that he could grant the husband a divorce.

The wife's case against her husband and Miss Teager on the issue of adultery, Sir Boyd Merriman continued, rested on the question of the paternity of the child born of Miss Teager in January, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who have been committed in the house at Cardiff in which Mr. Davis, Miss Teager and her father, a retired minister, were living in 1937.

There were many elements of suspicion about the plans for Miss Teager's confinement.

The question was whether they carried the inference of guilt. It was clear, remarked the Judge, that from early in Miss Teager's pregnancy Mr. Davis was acquainted with it and was invited to get her into the maternity home.

His Lordship said he wondered why no attempt had been made to get into touch with the mysterious Mr. X., whose name and address in Ipswich had been written down by Miss Teager when speaking of the father of her child.

He granted Mrs. Davis a decree nisi, with costs, and dismissed the husband's petition.

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NAVY MUST HAVE THEIR COMMAND OF SEA IN GHOST SHIPS

AN ANALYSIS of the fantastic German-Italian claims and a statement on the true position was issued by the Admiralty yesterday. In all, the Germans and Italians claim to have sunk or put out of action 269 British warships; the real total, including submarines, is 47.

In many cases, the Germans and Italians have sunk or destroyed in their official communiques more than twice as many ships of a certain class than the Royal Navy had at the beginning of the war!

KING MUST OBEY HIS SERVANTS

Should an air raid warning be received at the private A.R.P. post at Buckingham Palace, members of the staff who have been trained as wardens and first-aid personnel would go on duty—and the King and Queen would obey their instructions implicitly.

The air-raid precautions at the palace provide an example any household can follow with profit. Everything is prepared beforehand and reduced to the simplest and quickest organisation; and everybody, from the King and Queen to the youngest pantry-boy, knows exactly what to do in an emergency.

Every day the deep cellar shelter rooms are inspected and made ready. Fresh water is stored by the little stove for making hot drinks, and there are tins of biscuits and sweets, periodically replaced. Once a week the rooms are thoroughly warmed through, to prevent any accumulating dampness which might cause chills.

Queen's Knitting

There are chairs, a table and a desk with a telephone extension in the shelter, which the King and Queen and the Royal Family use. The Queen keeps a piece of knitting there, and a portable battery radio set.

Both the King and the Queen have warm clothes, and their gas masks laid on a chair near their beds every night.

BULLET PASSED THROUGH TWO MEN

A bullet fired by a parashot at a motor-cyclist went through the body of the pillion rider and then killed the driver. The pillion rider is still alive.

The driver was Peter McKellar, aged thirty-four, of Fairlie, near Largs, Ayrshire, and he died shortly afterwards.

The pillion passenger, whose identity has not yet been established, was taken to Greenock Infirmary seriously wounded.

It is alleged that McKellar failed to stop when signalled to do so at the parashot post. The parashot fired, and the bullet, after piercing the stomach of the pillion rider, passed through McKellar's chest.

The bullet fell from his body when the front of his shirt was opened.

McKellar was unmarried and was employed as a woodcutter. He was the eldest son of a family of four.

For instance:—
Battleships and heavy cruisers: We have lost one out of 15; German-Italian communiques claim to have sunk 32.

Aircraft carriers: Lost, 2 out of 7; enemy claims, 10.

Cruisers: Lost, 3 out of 62; enemy claims, 83.

Destroyers: Lost, 28 out of 185; enemy claims, 92.

Submarines: Lost, 13 out of 58; enemy claims, 52.

The Admiralty states that since enemy propaganda has repeatedly declared that British dockyards are unable to cope with the number of ships requiring repair, ships claimed as seriously damaged are presumably out of action in addition to those sunk. Only claims in official enemy communiques have been included.

Merchant Ship Losses

Enemy claims are even wider off the mark as regards merchant ship losses. The real loss in British, Allied and neutral ships up to August 4 was 2,514,199 tons, including 1,340,000 tons of British merchant shipping.

German-Italian official claims total 5,078,000. On July 12, the Nazi High Command also claimed that over 300 ships had been put out of action for many months to come.

That, says the Admiralty, is an even wilder exaggeration than anything else. The total British mercantile tonnage at the beginning of the war was 21,000,000 tons, of which 18,500,000 tons was sea-going.

We now have more British merchant tonnage than at the beginning of the war, as losses have been made up by captures, new building and flag transfers. This does not include Danish and French shipping.—Reuter.

STOP SUGAR CAKES—M.P.

The amount of sugar used on cakes shocks Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food—and it has got to stop, he says.

"I have taken the opportunity of inspecting the confectioners' shops in Princes Street, Edinburgh," Mr. Boothby said.

"The number and the variety of cakes, either containing sugar or covered with sugar, and sweetmeats consisting almost entirely of sugar was altogether excessive."

"This will certainly have to be put a stop to, and is going to be put a stop to, because it is quite an impossible situation."

"I am going to see what can be done to make a further ration of sugar available to those housewives who want to make their own jam."

Urging wider distribution of foodstuffs, Mr. Boothby advised retailers to stock up their shops to capacity, housewives to get in a week's supply of essential foods—though there was no need for them to hoard.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS IN MADRID

It was learned in London yesterday that the Spanish Foreign Minister has given Sir Samuel Hoare, our Ambassador in Madrid, a categorical repudiation of a charge by a Spanish newspaper that Britain was holding up wheat and oil for Spain and the newspaper's insinuation that British agents were responsible for a fire in the Alicante oil depots.—Reuter.

SPY CAUGHT, SHOT

THE BATTLE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT: THE FARMHOUSE HEADQUARTERS OF A FRENCH DIVISION QUIVERS TO THE STEADY DRUMMING OF BARRAGES JUST AHEAD.

The air was filled with the roar of aeroplane motors and the heavy thud of bombs.

As the staff pored over maps, telephoned, sent dispatch-riders out in the dawn, a sentry appeared and announced that a lieutenant from the adjoining division has arrived.

The visitor was shown in immediately. He was unshaven, covered with dust and breathless. A little too breathless.

"We are cut off," he said. "We have been hard hit and our position is hopeless. We understand there is an order for a general withdrawal, but we cannot get through to the Army H.Q. for definite orders."

"I managed to reach here. Can you put me in touch with the army at once?"

There was no reason to suspect the visiting officer. He had given the correct number of the adjoining division and in the "grand melee" it was possible that a division had been cut off.

But the officers in the farmhouse demanded his papers before saying a word. The visitor reached in his pocket. A look of consternation spread across his face.

Suspicion Aroused

"I've lost my papers," he exclaimed.

The others, at once suspicious, began shooting questions. The visitor saw the game was up, his hand moved for his pistol.

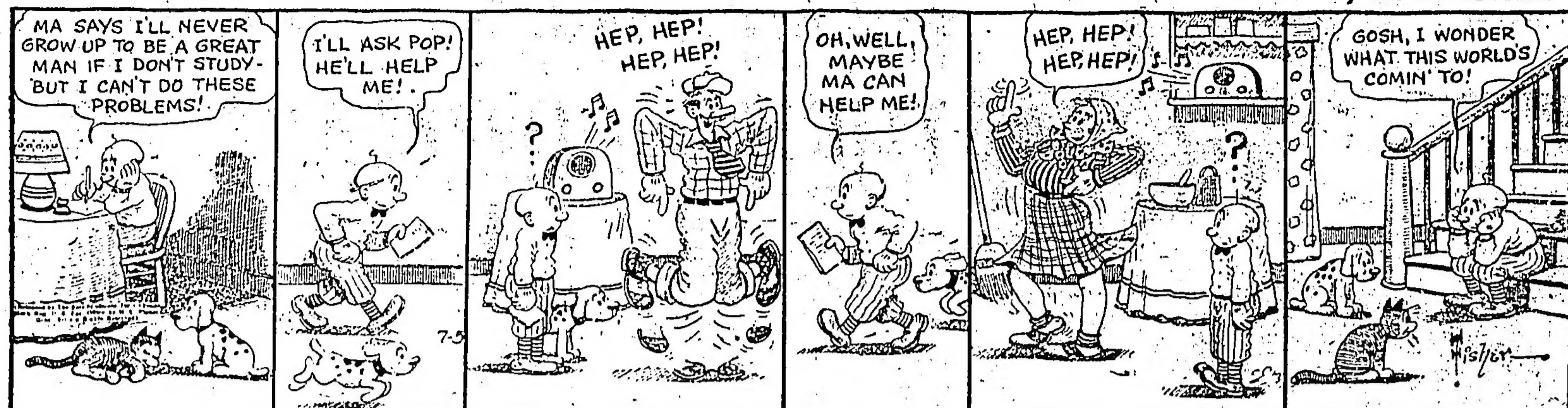
But a young captain was quicker; he fired first and the clever and extremely bold spy dropped dead.

An officer who had been present told this story. It was just one of many strange incidents in which Fifth Column spies took part. On being asked how these agents got in, "Some had managed to slip in and hide long before the invasion began," he said.

"They came out of their holes in their stolen uniforms when the battle was well under way."

"Others managed to come in among Belgian refugees or were dropped by parachute at night."

MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

CATTLE CURED WITH DYE DRUG

After 693 experiments, chemists have triumphed in their search for a drug to mitigate the diseases caused by streptococcal infection.

To commemorate the number of experiments, the drug is now known officially as M and B 693, the initials referring to the firm in whose laboratories near London the drug was perfected.

It is based on a scientific foundation laid as long ago as 1782 by Lord Dundonald, the first patentee of tar extracted from coal by distillation, and the resultant discovery of the germicidal powers of dyes made from coal tar. From this the chemists have now succeeded in securing a sulphonamide drug with dramatic curative properties for medicine, human and also animal.

For centuries cattle raisers the world over have borne the curse of such devastating diseases as bovine mastitis, equine pneumonia and other diseases due to streptococcal infection. Now the laboratory work has made it plain that the new British drug may rid the animal world of its chief disease enemies.

LESSONS OF HISTORY

Sir.—Numerous are they in France who deem it deplorable that General Weygand was not put at the head of the Allied troops from the very beginning of this war.

With the authority conferred to him by his brilliant past (and which Gamelin could not have as yet), he would have insisted for obtaining and would have succeeded in getting the reinforcements in men and equipment needed.

This would have allowed him, not only to hold on (or at least to make the German advance more costly and slower), but also to prepare one of those lightning counter-strokes which were his wont.

For Weygand, though able to put up at a time an obstinate resistance, is before all a believer in offensive; he is from the school which produced men like Mangin, Byng and Von Hutier.

But he knows it is the soldier's job to size up the difficulty, to overcome obstacles and estimate the . . . cost.

He knows that to attempt to attack without adequate reserves is probably the tactic of desperation, and that successful manoeuvres cannot be accomplished unless the number's are sufficient, both to provoke diversions and to make the main assault.

The Sedan advance (which is incorrectly called a major disas-

ter) could have happened all the same (anything may occur in open warfare) but this risky onslaught of the "Panzer Units" would have been probably transformed by him into a German defeat.

What could these "Mechanised Units" have done, if cut from their supplies? for such would have been their fate, had we been able to close the gap behind them; the reply is an easy one: either falling back to join their main forces if able to do so, or running madly until their fuel was exhausted, in which case they were made prisoners or . . . destroyed.

You may ask me why Weygand was only called up at the last moment and when it was too late? It is the same old story.

In spite of his worth, this General had been pensioned off a few years ago, openly because he had reached the age limit, but obviously for the following reasons; like Lyautey before him, Weygand dispensed many "politics" of the French Left Party.

Like Lyautey, Weygand, a gentleman and a soldier to his finger tips, as straight as a sword, one of the best horsemen and sportsmen of the French Army and a scholar with all that, is fond of the peasant, of the decent workman and law-abiding citizen; but he dislikes equally the turbulent mob and some of our professional politicians.

This man, though much alive, is cold of expression and rather fond of solitude in private life; he likes the soldier and is popular with him without seeking popularity; moreover, he is all in for order.

Had he been in charge, he would never have tolerated the revolutionary riots and strikes initiated from abroad, which marked the years 1936-37 in France; he has not concealed his opinion about it, and this is what our "politics" of the Left have never forgotten or forgiven.

So, it is only compelled by events that they have recalled him, but too late. Weygand tried his best; at one time one even believed that he was going to straighten up the situation; unfortunately he was deprived in a few days of nearly one million men and huge equipment (Flanders disaster) on which he was relying; his plan, so fine on paper and conceived in a short time, was thus doomed to failure.

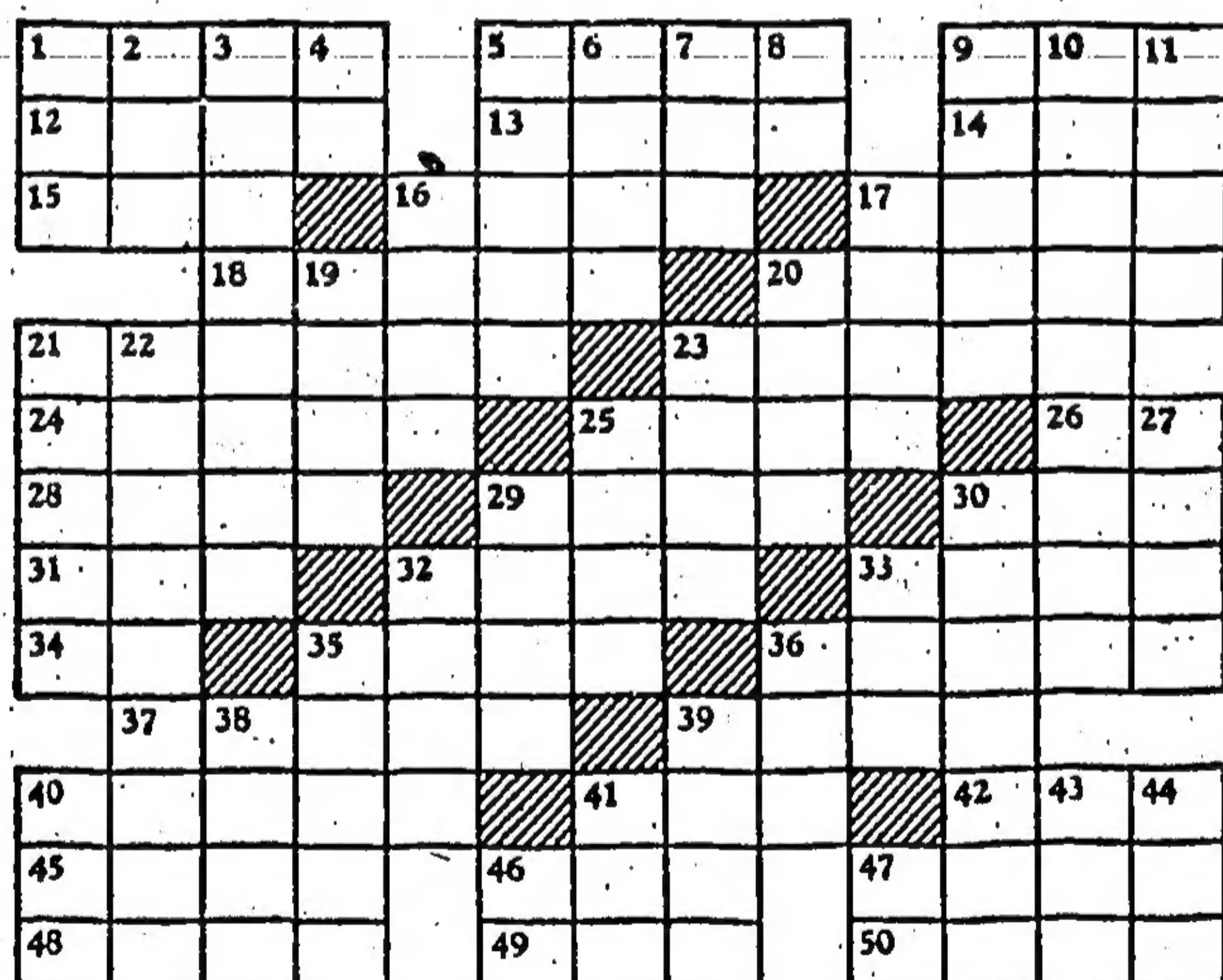
He immediately realised facts; with his customary frankness, he exposed a situation already bad (and made every hour worse by the influx of refugees) to those concerned.

To conclude, it seems hardly conceivable that the same politicians who have done their utmost to eliminate such a man from public life while he was still in full mental and physical vigour, should now criticise facts of which they are the responsible authors.

FAIR PLAY.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by the Governments of the Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of small-pox have been removed.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



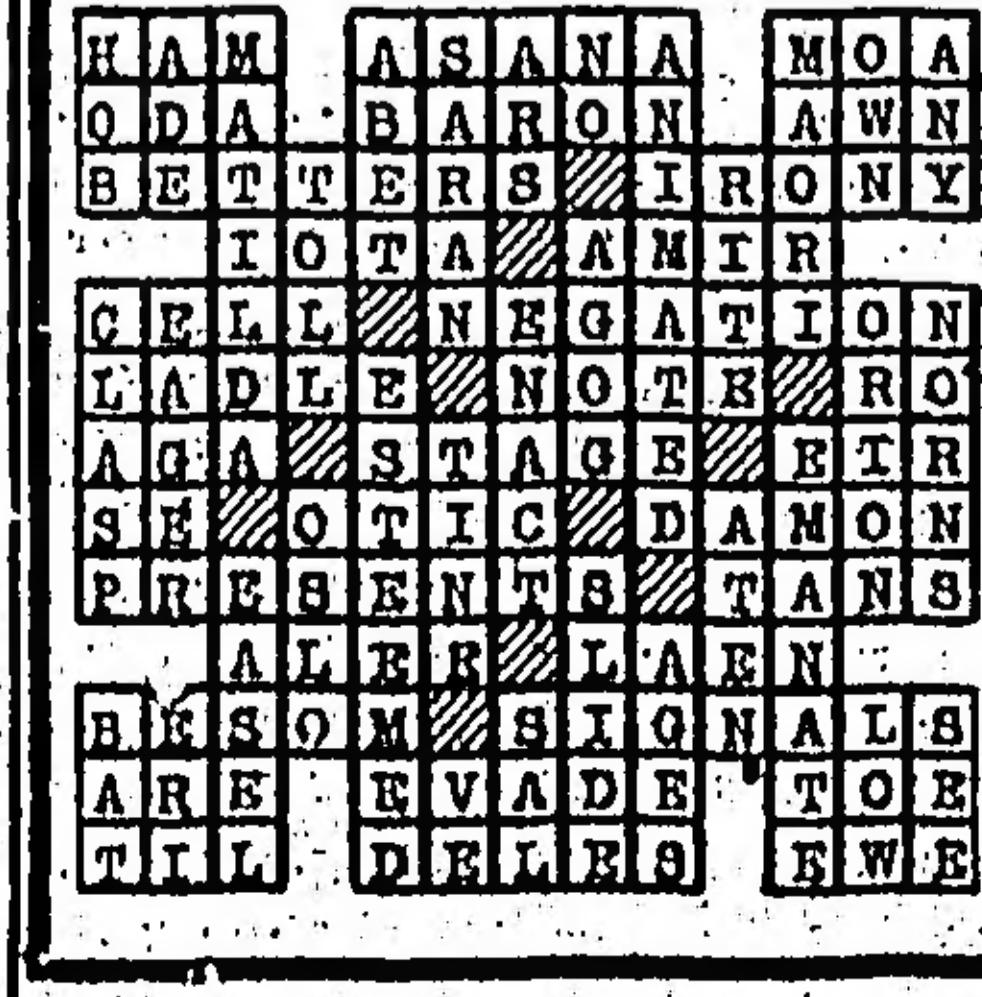
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Armour
- 3 To box
- 9 Folding bed
- 12 English queen
- 13 To sharpen
- 14 Constellation
- 15 Burmese demon
- 16 Efficacy
- 17 To leave out
- 18 To come into operation
- 20 Musical compositions
- 21 Screech
- 22 Drawing-room
- 24 Bards
- 25 Hindu deity
- 26 Toward
- 28 Handle
- 29 Walking-stick
- 30 Equality
- 31 Period
- 32 To confine
- 33 Ship's officer
- 34 Teutonic deity
- 35 Rabbit
- 36 Tiresome persons
- 37 To make suitable
- 39 To strike

VERTICAL

- 40 Over
- 41 To regret
- 42 Babylonian war god
- 45 A helping idea
- 46 Beetle
- 47 Flesh of a calf
- 48 Gull-like bird
- 49 To possess
- 50 Sefi
- 1 Male
- 2 Literary scraps
- 3 To entertain
- 4 French article
- 5 To neglect
- 6 Cornmeal bread
- 7 Insect
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 Striated stone
- 10 Faces the east
- 11 Makes lace
- 12 Obligatory payments
- 13 Spanish cooking vessels
- 19 Girl's name
- 20 Donated
- 21 Digging implement
- 22 Illustrious
- 23 Trigonometrical ratio
- 25 Wise man
- 27 Crude metals
- 29 Wagon
- 30 Sects
- 32 Garment
- 33 Extinct bird
- 35 Harbour
- 36 Insect
- 38 Sullen
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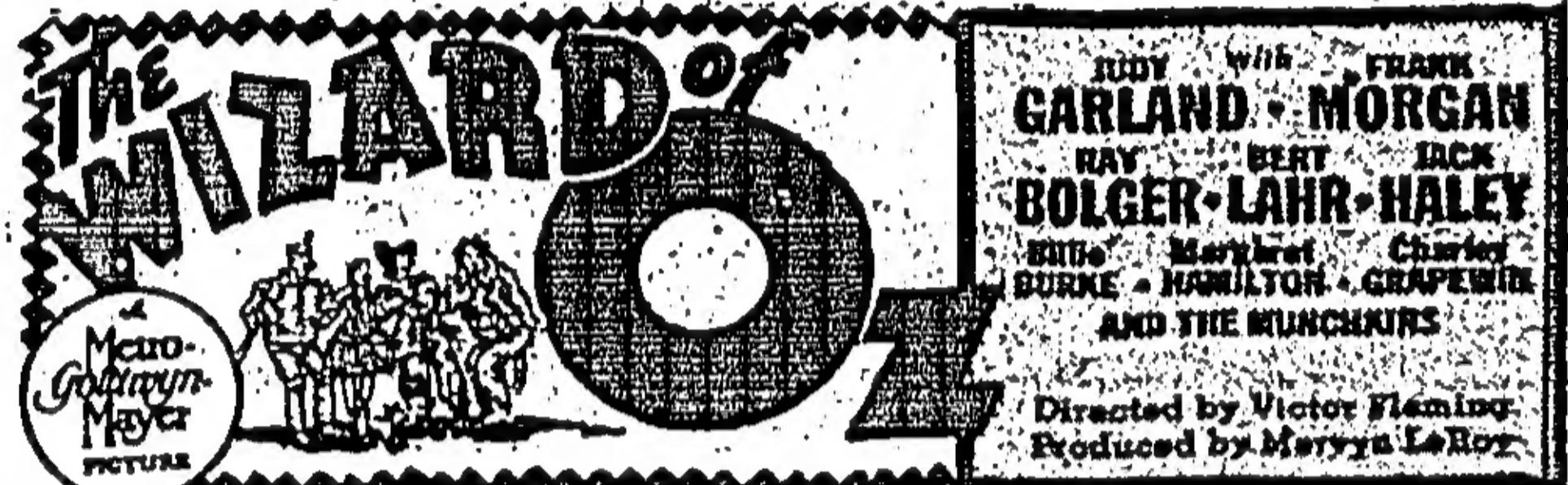
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Richard Greene, Alice Faye and Fred MacMurray, who share top billing with Brenda Joyce in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Little Old New York," which opens to-day at the King's Theatre. Greene, who portrays Robert Fulton in the spectacular 20th Century-Fox picture, holds the model for the first steamboat, the Clermont. Henry King directed the film.

RADIO BOYS DIE ---SAVED 31

TWO BOY RADIO operators gave their lives to save the crew of the cargo steamer Empire Toucan, sunk by a U-boat in the Atlantic.

"We are just trying to make sure our SOS is being heard. Give our love to the boys," said one of them, Max Gerrard, aged eighteen, of London, to an officer who told them the ship was being abandoned.

"We will be seeing you soon—
we hope," added Gerrard. He and his companion—his sixteen-year-old junior operator, named Campbell, of Blackburn—went down with the ship as a U-boat shell hit the radio cabin.

But their message was picked up by a ship which rescued their thirty-one mates.

They were landed in England and an officer told a reporter. "I was the last to see Gerrard and Campbell alive. They were sitting calmly in their cabin smoking cigarettes as I ran past the door."

His Second Rescue

"I shouted that the order had been given to abandon ship but Gerrard just smiled and said: 'We are just trying to make sure we are being heard.'

"I had only just got into the lifeboat when the submarine fired another shell and that must have killed them both."

One of the crew, John Buckley, of Poplar, was a survivor of the Beaverburn, which was torpedoed in February. This was his first trip since then.

A sixty-eight-year-old seaman, Jack McGee, of Belfast, was in charge of a boat which brought fourteen survivors to safety.

He was on constant watch. Now he is in hospital suffering from injuries to the feet.

PRINCE KISSED SOLDIER

When King Zog of Albania arrived in Britain and was waiting in the Customs House for luggage to be examined, his baby son walked across to a wounded soldier lying on a stretcher, put his arms round him and kissed him.

The King, with Queen Geraldine, had crossed from France with a royal party of thirty and £12,000 worth of jewels and valuables.

King Zog told a reporter:

"I should like this message to be given to the British public. I and all Albanians have our hearts with Britain in her great struggle."

"I know she will succeed, because justice is on her side. The Queen and myself are thankful to be in England, where we know we have so many true friends."

The Queen's sisters were with the party.

ROTHSCHILD WITH 1/4D.

Among refugees who arrived at San Sebastian, the Spanish coast resort just over the frontier from France, was M. Eugene Rothschild, a member of the banking family. He had only five centimes (less than a farthing).

£50,000 SHELTER IN OLD TUBE

Britain's biggest air-raid shelter is now open to the public.

Adapted at a cost of £50,000 from the Borough Tube Tunnel, built in 1892, the shelter has eight entrances.

The tunnel varies in depth from 50ft. to 70ft., and the part to be used as a shelter extends from about 2,250ft. from Borough Station northwards to the bank of the Thames.

It is estimated that about 11,280 persons, for whom other public shelters are not provided, would be in the streets at one time within a distance of 300 yards from the tunnel entrances, and the shelter would be used for them.

Three hundred yards is considered a reasonable walking distance for people to take cover after an air raid warning.

Important Southwark Council documents will be kept in the shelter, which is bombproof.

M.P.'S "MORE USE IN ARMY"

Mr. Tom Cassells, Labour M.P. for Dumbartonshire, said in London that he was joining the Army voluntarily as he felt he could serve the country more usefully in the Army than in Parliament.

Mr. Cassells who is thirty-seven, told the secretary of the Scottish Labour Party in November, 1938, that he intended to retire at the next General Election.

BRITISH GIRLS BOMBED, RACED ACROSS FRANCE

BOMBED AND MACHINE-gunned as they drove across France for two weeks, sleeping a few hours each night in barns or their own cars, the Hadfield-Spears' Ambulance Unit, commanded by novelist Mary Borden, arrived in London recently. Rosaleen Forches, its "baby", said: "Really, it was all great fun."

Dark-eyed Rosaleen was only nineteen when she went to France with fourteen other mechanised transport girls to drive with the unit. She had her twentieth birthday in a village in Lorraine, ten miles behind the Maginot Line.

When things began to look bad on June 9, the unit, consisting of eleven British nurses, twelve cars driven by the M.T.C. girls, and five lorries, packed up and headed for Central France, under constant bombing.

Rosaleen said: "We were one jump ahead of the Germans all the time. We had terrible patrol trouble—never knew when we were running out of it. If we should get more. Once when a village near us was heavily bombed, we drove nearly twelve hours without a break."

Miss Borden said: "Every time we stopped to look after wounded we had to get going again. But we didn't lose a single person, and no one got hurt, which, considering the bombing and shelling, was wonderful."

The girls lost nearly all their clothes. The cars they drove were of their own property; they lost these, too. But Esba Bell, of free of charge,

Epping, Essex, managed to save her clarinet.

And the girls' neat khaki uniforms with bright blue shoulder straps were immaculate. One was worried about a grease stain on her skirt.

When they first left the train they saluted the officers. Then suddenly soldiers became women—they pushed back khaki caps, flung arms round necks and kissed each other.

The unit went from Bordeaux to another French port, and were eventually taken off by a British ship.

"Cool ain't she pretty!" said a burly porter as "baby" Rosaleen rushed to greet her mother.

WARTIME FILM "SHORTS"

Five-minute "shorts" covering food rationing, home defence, air-raid precautions and similar wartime subjects will soon be a feature at 4,000 cinemas throughout Britain.

Members of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association have offered to show such official films free of charge,

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

HAVING IT BOTH WAYS

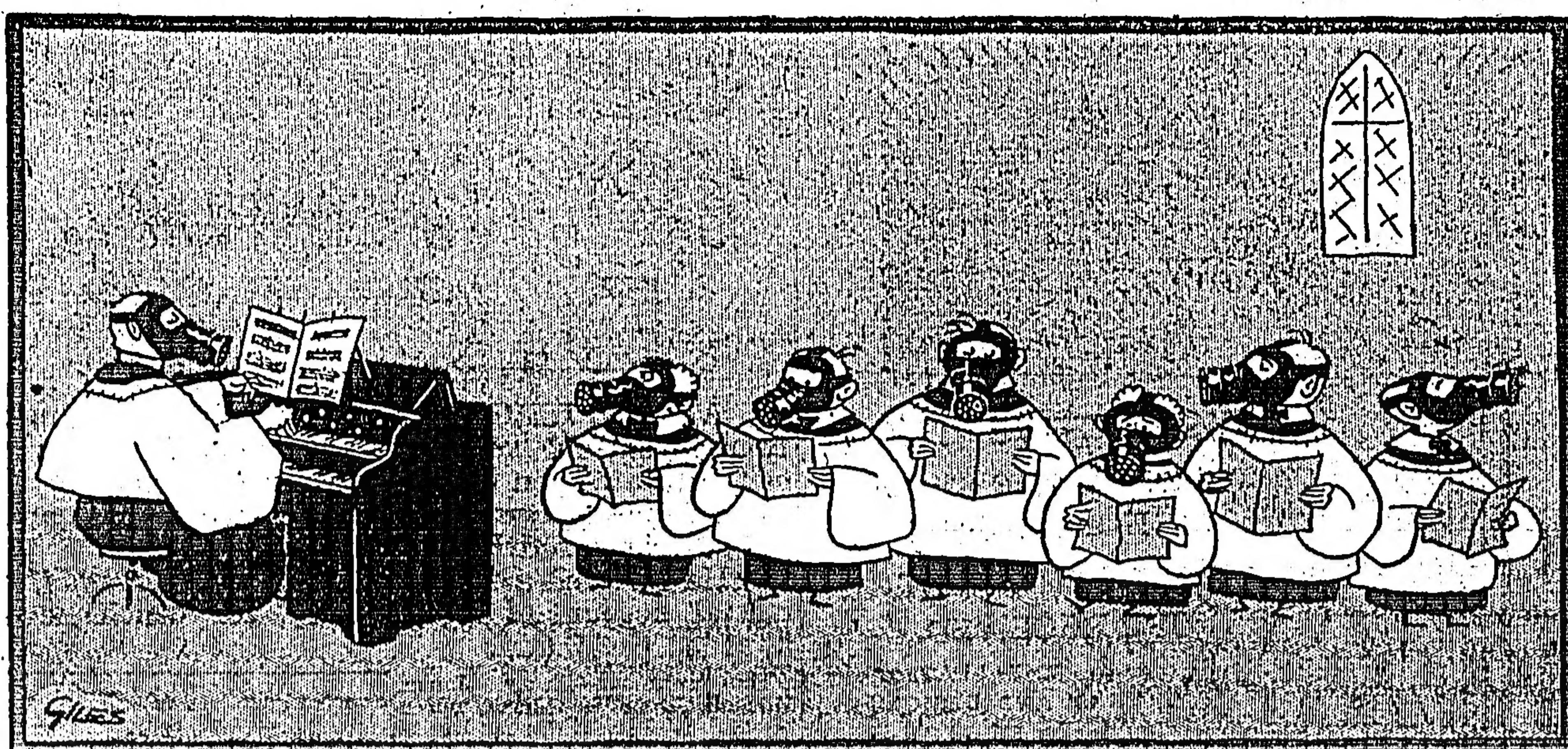
There is something incongruous about Mr. De Valera's attitude on the war. He wants it both ways. He won't aid Britain, but he will look to Britain to come to his rescue if he is attacked. He has rejected out of hand Ulster's proposal that Eire abandon neutrality and come in on the side of the forces of democracy. He has repeatedly championed the cause of freedom. He is aware that freedom is the antithesis of the policy pursued by aggressor nations, and that the small States which have placed their dependence upon neutrality have run foul of the Nazi mechanised warfare. Yet he asks for an Irish neutrality which invites Nazi conquest.

Geography more than events has determined Ireland's position in the present emergency. Lord Craigavon, Premier of Ulster, has seen that, and with commendable courage has taken an unwavering stand. He knows that Germany's claim to "Lebensraum" was merely devised to cover great ambitions, and that the safety not only of Eire and Ulster but also of the entire British Isles is imperilled. The cry for neutrality, he realises, merely encourages insensate ambitions. Therefore he rejects any suggestion that Northern Ireland become neutral as "repugnant to every soul in loyal Ulster." In this he proves himself a practical supporter of freedom.

DEMOCRACY

Whether the acid test comes or not, we have some time or other to revalue our democracy and our lives, the one in terms of the other. Democracy has little meaning if it is thought of merely in terms of political machinery. Its object must be, now and always, the enrichment of the individual life. But, beyond this, we must recognise that the individual life's enrichment is of no general interest unless the individual contributes creatively, in small things or great, to the common welfare. A purely selfish individualism withers at the roots. If the appalling conflict which we are now witnessing destroys that kind of individualism, it will have paid back a little of what it is costing.

We who are not at the moment about to die can with poor grace give ad-



HEROES OF THE MYSTERY SHIPS

Asked To Be Sunk

Admiralty reports reveal a new

outbreak of U-boat activity.

But the U-boat menace is not a new thing. The Navy faced and beat it in 1917, when this country was losing 545,000 tons of shipping in a month. In the worst four weeks of this war British ships did not suffer a third of these losses.

The threat was countered last time by a combination of science, courage and personal ingenuity. Some of the earliest weapons were first called decoy ships, then "mystery ships," then "Secret Service vessels," finally Q ships. Their story is worth telling again today, not because U-boats can still be fought by these methods—they can't—but because this is still another story of men using their wits against machines and winning.

The U-boat of those days was a machine with certain very definite limitations. It travelled mostly on the surface in order to save the juice in the electric storage batteries on which it depended, when sailing under water. It could carry few torpedoes, each of which cost a price running into four figures. The commander was expected to take home proof that he had not wasted his precious torpedoes, so he preferred to get hold of a ship's papers or, better still, if he had room in the submarine, carry off the master as proof positive.

Against this had to be set the fact that his U-boat presented a most difficult target for any gun to hit (even a direct hit on conning tower or periscope need not prevent the submarine from getting home safely). Depth charges were already being used, but not always effectively. Submarines were not yet being bombed from the air. The problem was how to get a naval gun close up to a U-boat. Hence the Q-ships.

The plan was for innocent-looking tramp steamers to patrol in the path of submarines and wait to be captured. At the last moment they would reveal their hidden guns, run up a white En-

vice to those who offer their bodies to the steel. But their sacrifice can have little meaning to us unless we realise, as they

have done, that the democratic ideal of the sanctity of the humblest human being can be maintained only by those who hold liberty more sacred than anything that is theirs, even to their lives.

This is a heroic doctrine. It should not degenerate into heroics. But in cold logic there is no escape from it.

Then there were rehearsals. If a submarine appeared a crew of some 30 were to abandon ship, leaving the other 50 concealed on board. This had to be done really. The "panic party" yelled for help, let their boats down with a run, one end up. The "Master" of the panic party carried a stuffed parrot in a cage. As the boats

Campbell was given three 12-pounders and a Maxim gun and told to make her into a decoy ship.

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She was an old ship capable of eight knots, filthy inside and out. He was given a crew in which only the gunlayers were naval men. The others, many from the R.N.V.R., included a market gardener, a commercial traveller and some fishermen. They were given 30s. per officer and 15s. per man to fit themselves out in plain clothes. That was to cover their full outfit. When they went on the dock in their secondhand slops people used to give them white feathers. None of them had ever steered a ship, though one Irishman said he could do pretty well with the tiller.

It was not a bright prospect. But one day, as Admiral Gordon Campbell tells the story, "I saw a man with a face like a seaboot

By William Walwyn

and I casually asked him if he'd ever steered a ship. He gave me a look I shall never forget, spat on the deck and asked me if I

realised he had been chief quartermaster of the Titanic and was now by rights chief quartermaster of the Olympic. (He didn't tell me his chief duty was probably looking after the ladies' deck chairs.) I asked him if he would do a stunt. He came and remained till the end of the war."

So at least there was one man for the wheel. They hid one of the 12-pounders in a dummy steering engine-house aft. The real steering engine was amidships, but they ran a steam-pipe to the dummy so that it sighed realistically.

They put the other two in dummy cabins on the main deck, hid the Maxim in a hen coop, and sailed.

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Then there were disguises and rehearsals. There had to be disguises, because a coal tramp that is seen one day sailing due north and the next day south-south-west is liable to arouse suspicion. The appearance of the ship was changed every night after dark. At first new funnel marks would be painted. She'd come up every morning belonging to a new company.

There were movable stanchions, dummy boats, telescopic masts, spare yards and trestle trees, a spare crow's nest, sidelight light-houses, and a spare donkey-boiler funnel. All these could be shifted around. When they wanted a major disguise they would turn her into a timber ship, for they always carried enough timber to board up the ship the whole way round with timber screens which looked as though they covered the deck.

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pulled away a black-faced stoker She went to inspect the "panic yell from a porthole. One of party's boats. Her periscope came them came back and picked him so near, one of the party said, up. Meanwhile the real ship's "Don't talk, they'll hear us." She master was belly-crawling across came to inspect the ship, still sub-merged, from 10 to 15 yards dis-

wooden screen, and the guns were ed. The Q5 was sinking.

They practised for weeks, and face a hundred yards away. The at last met their first submarine, conning tower opened. The captain It fired its torpedo, missed, the came out. And the Q-boat received "panic party" did their stuff, and the order "Fire!" They fired 45 the hidden watchers waited for shells, all hits. The "panic party" the U-boat to come to the sur- rescued one officer and one man. face. It was a tense interval. One of the gunners said, "If he didn't in the offing took time to arrive. whistle he'd get scared." Finally Gordon Campbell kept 12 men on the U-boat obliged and came up board. The rest joined their mates 800 yards away. The guns found in the boats. On board they destroyed their secret papers and wirelessly their C-in-C, "Q5 slowly sinking respectfully wishes you good-bye."

In fact, she did not sink. The timber cargo saved her. She was towed away and beached and went on sailing under several

names till she came to the end of her sailing days in May, 1925, as the Hoolypark. Gordon Campbell that there was only one way of was given his V.C. for services making sure of his U-boat. That which were not described till the was to make sure first that the Q end of the war, and was called the ship should be torpedoed. That "Mystery V.C."

The Q-boat made many trips with variable fortune. But the toll of merchant shipping was mounting. It was a time for desperate remedies for desperate diseases. And when he set out for a 10-weeks' trip in Q5 in 1917, Commander Gordon Campbell decided that there was only one way of was given his V.C. for services making sure of his U-boat. That which were not described till the

way there was a hope the U-boat would surface within point-blank range before the Q ship went down.

They outstayed their 10 weeks, and it was not till something like the 17th week that they found U83—or she found them. They could see the wake of the torpedo. They were going to make sure it found its target. "I put the helm over to avoid unnecessary loss of life," says Gordon Campbell, "and brought the torpedo just astern the engine room."

In the event nobody on the Q ship was hurt except those of the "panic party" who were underneath when the chief steward, a heavy man, lost his balance and fell into the boat, squashing two.

* * *

On board the Q5 the engine room was flooded. The engineers crawled on the top gratings and watched the water rising. The crew of the after gun were practically awash. The submarine was not apparently in any hurry to come to the surface.

Paradoxically Speaking

The four years of the World War, 1914-18, were among the happiest I ever spent. I shared a task with men of every type and every social station, and was admitted to a fellowship so rare as almost to justify the boastfulness which made it possible. There is at least this to be said for war; you live simply, if at all, and you do so in the company of men at their best, spurred to a passionate unselfishness by a common purpose which at other times is lacking.

One of the most mawkish of human delusions is the notion that friendship should be lifelong. The fact is that a man of resilient mind outwears his friendships just as certainly as he outwears his love affairs and his politics. They become threadbare, and every act and attitude that they involve becomes an act of hypocrisy.

A prudent man, remembering that life is short, examines his friendships critically now, and then. A few he retains, but the majority he expunges from his minutes and tries to forget. (H. L. Menken, "Selected Prejudices")



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SERGEANT AT 19, AND WINS D.C.M.

AT THE HEIGHT of the Battle of Flanders a twenty-year-old sergeant — at nineteen he was congratulated on being the youngest sergeant in the Brigade of Guards — left his own platoon and rallied troops retiring further along a canal.

He restored a very difficult position, says the official account of his gallantry, for which he is awarded the D.C.M.

The sergeant — Henry James Mitchell, Grenadier Guards, whose home is at Wychbold, near Droitwich, Worcestershire — commanded a platoon at the extreme left of the brigade sector near Furnes.

He saw troops retiring from the canal bank on his left after being heavily shelled with the loss of all their officers.

Sergeant Mitchell left his platoon, intercepted the troops, and, "by his determination and powers of leadership," led them back to their position.

Walking along the canal bank regardless of enemy fire, he took charge, gave out ammunition and collected wounded.

And in a cottage in the hamlet of Wychbold, his mother, Mrs. Emily Mitchell, wife of a farm labourer, proudly read a letter from her only child.

Father Hero Too

"It would be the greatest moment of my life to see my boy decorated by the King, but how can I go to Buckingham Palace?" Mrs. Mitchell asked a reporter.

"Why, I have never been to London in my life."

"I am only a country woman, and should feel out of place among all those people up there."

"Besides, I would not know what kind of hat to wear."

"My husband was twice mentioned in dispatches in the last war."

"Just before our boy went into action he wrote to his father: You know I will do my best, dad, and will not let you down."

"He is engaged."

Saved His Guns

Among other awards announced is that of the M.C. to Second Lieutenant A. C. Geddes, second son of Sir Auckland Geddes, former President of the Board of Trade and one-time British Ambassador to the United States.

His battery commander killed beside him and he himself wounded, Lieutenant Geddes took charge and saved his guns under heavy shell fire.

WORKLESS MENACE HITLER

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKLESS FRENCHMEN ARE ALREADY PROVIDING A FORMIDABLE PROBLEM FOR THE NAZIS IN FRANCE.

Reports coming via Berlin itself state that there are 1,200,000 unemployed in Paris alone, and that the demobilisation of the millions in the French Army will make the problem much more serious.

This situation arises at a time when much of French industry is ruined, and farming interrupted — and when all Europe faces a hungry winter.

Already in Paris well-dressed people are stopping strangers and asking for money for food.

German criminal law, with the death penalty for possession of arms and radio sets, has been applied to Paris.

GIFT FROM HITLER TO US

For the first time in seven years — here is something for which to thank Hitler. By invading Belgium he has made us a present of that country's immense American markets for carpets and bed tickings.

British manufacturers fought in vain for years for an import duty on these Belgian exports: products of cheap labour.

TIME TO BREAK OUR POWER!

RUDOLPH HESS, GERMAN MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, DECLARED IN BERLIN THAT THE REICH IS CONVINCED "THE MOMENT IS AT HAND TO BREAK ENGLAND'S POWER EVEN TO THE RUINATION OF THE ENTIRE EMPIRE."

Hess, who is high in the official family of Chancellor Adolf Hitler, asserted that Germany will "fight for the peace which the ruling English plutocratic clique so decisively rejected . . . Never in history was a more generous (peace) offer made to a land which is in its worst situation since its beginning." — Associated Press.

PERIL IN THE PACIFIC

SENATOR RUFUS C. HOLMAN, REPUBLICAN OF OREGON, TOLD THE SENATE IN WASHINGTON DURING A DEBATE ON THE MILITARY CONSCRIPTION BILL THAT HE HAD "LEARNED FROM AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY SOURCES OF THE IMMINENT PERIL OF AN INVASION OF ALASKA AND THE PACIFIC AREA AND THE ENDANGERING OF THE ENTIRE PACIFIC SLOPE." HE INTERJECTED THE STATEMENT WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION.

OFF THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE LATER SENATOR HOLMAN SAID HE DID NOT ENVISION AN IMMEDIATE ATTACK AGAINST ALASKA OR THE PACIFIC COAST. HE TOLD NEWSPERSONS "THE NUMBER ONE THREAT TO OUR PEACE AND SAFETY IS JAPAN AND NOT GERMANY." HE EXPLAINED THAT JAPAN HAD NOT GIVEN CHINA NOTICE OF HER WAR-LIKE INTENTIONS AND HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD RECEIVE NOTICE IF ALASKA WERE ATTACKED.

FLAT WARSHIPS FOR SOVIET NAVY

THE RUSSIANS ARE BUILDING NEW WARSHIPS — FLAT-BOTTOMED AND ON THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS, STATES A MOSCOW MESSAGE TO GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN.

STRIKES BANNED BY GOVERNOR

THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BANNED ALL STRIKES.

A THOUSAND TRAM WORKERS, WHO WERE ON STRIKE, WERE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WORK, SAYS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LEAGUE STAFF WORKED FOR PEACE--FLEE FROM WAR

BRITISH MEMBERS of the League of Nations staff at Geneva have arrived in London, the peace they had worked for now only a dream.

TWO HOURS BEFORE NAZIS

THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, MR. M. WATTERSON, AND HIS SECRETARY GOT OUT OF VICHY TWO HOURS BEFORE THE NAZIS ARRIVED.

THEY REACHED BORDEAUX IN AN AIR RAID, AND LEFT BAYONNE IN A CROWDED TROOPSHIP.

DR. HODGSON FEELS IT IS HIS DUTY TO REMAIN AT OXFORD.

EVACUATION DENIAL

STATEMENTS HAVE APPEARED SUGGESTING THAT ACTIVE MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN FOR THE EVACUATION OF A PART OF THE CIVIL POPULATION OF PORTSMOUTH, GOSPORT AND SOUTHAMPTON.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT THESE STATEMENTS ARE ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. APART FROM THE EVACUATION OF CHILDREN, NO EVACUATION MOVEMENT FROM THESE TOWNS IS CONTEMPLATED.

THE DEAD HAND

WARNING TO MINISTERS AGAINST ALLOWING "THE DEAD HAND OF AN EFFETE CIVIL SERVICE" TO IMPEDE THE WAR EFFORT WAS EXPRESSED BY MR. ALFRED EDWARDS, M.P. FOR MIDDLEBROUGH EAST.

Speaking in Hyde Park, London, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, he said: "The Labour Party has put some big men into the Government. We expect them to do a big job. They cannot break down the tradition of generations in a few weeks, but we expect them to do so in a few months.

"There must be no balking way to the dead hand of an effete Civil Service. Herbert Morrison has given to the country an inspiring slogan, 'Go To It.'

"If they begin to excuse the faults of Civil Servants and to whitewash inefficient permanent officials, the workers will pretty soon hand them the slogan, 'Come Off It!'

S. AFRICA SEIZES RIFLES

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEIZE ALL RIFLES OF MILITARY PATTERN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CAPETOWN. — ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW BISHOP DECLINES SEE

THE REV. DR. LEONARD HODGSON, CANON OF CHRIST CHURCH AND READER IN PROFESSOR OF MORAL AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY, OXFORD, WHO WAS ELECTED BISHOP OF MONMOUTH HAS REPLIED THAT HE IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE SEE.

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FIGHT OF B.E.F.'S "LOST DIVISION" ON SOMME

A STIRRING TALE of heroism in the face of overwhelming odds lies behind the capture of the "lost British division" at St. Valery-en-Caux, on the southern shore of the Somme estuary.

When the German advance drove south-west and cut off the main British Expeditionary Force in the north, the French High Command decided to transfer the division from the south to help in defending the new line running from the Somme to Switzerland.

The division was rushed across France and put into the line at the mouth of the Somme.

Its task was to hold positions south of the river from the sea to a point east of Abbeville.

Owing to the urgent need of massing French troops elsewhere, the division was obliged to hold a front twenty-four miles long, whereas normally it would only hold six miles of line. So extended was this line that there were necessarily quite considerable gaps between the different posts and strong points.

When the division took up its position, the Germans held some bridgeheads across the Somme, notably at St. Valery and at Abbeville.

Despite the comparative weakness of the force along the front, the division planned to attack the Abbeville bridgehead in conjunction with French tanks the day after they took up positions.

This attack was launched at 3.30 in the morning before day-break with great dash and determination, but unfortunately the division met the first of its series of misfortunes.

The Germans, preparing for their own attack on the following day, had brought up masses of men, machine-guns, artillery and armoured motor-cycle formations.

Murderous Fire

French tanks rumbled ahead into the enemy lines, but the German infantry, in accordance with their anti-tank training, laid low in the dim light until they had passed.

Scots battalions followed the tanks confidently and were suddenly met with a murderous fire, while the French tanks were attacked by anti-tank guns in the German rear.

Despite the storm of machine-gun fire and heavy trench mortar bombardment, the men at some points gained their objectives, although suffering very heavy losses. In this action the Camerons and the Seaforth especially distinguished themselves for fearless tenacity. But the most supreme courage could not stand against the tremendous fire power of the enemy, which was later supported by intense aerial low dive bombing attacks.

Although an almost incredible advance was made in the face of such opposition, only certain objectives could be reached, and the small salient in front of the bridgehead was not wiped out.

Rescue Armada

An armada of pleasure craft, manned for the most part by civilian volunteers under young naval officers, sailed from a British port through a hell of shells and bombs in a vain bid to rescue the troops encircled at St. Valery.

They reported that the French coast was "literally ablaze."

A curtain of fire from coastal batteries and planes kept them from getting nearer than four or five miles of St. Valery. Most of the soldiers rescued were those who had put to sea in rowing boats.

"It was bloody murder," said one volunteer. "The miracle of Dunkirk was not to be repeated. St. Valery has high cliffs, not a beach like Dunkirk; there was a heavy fog, the sea was rough, and the Germans ready."

ARM ALL CIVILIANS

If the Government wants civilians to stay in their homes during an invasion, they must give them arms.

Mr. Seymour Cocks (Soc. Broxtowe) suggested this in Parliament.

HITLER'S HOMAGE TO NAPOLEON

Hitler, would-be Napoleon of the twentieth century, paid homage to Napoleon in secret, it is revealed.

Touring Paris incognito, he spent some time at Napoleon's tomb in the Invalides.

Sandbags were specially removed so that he could gaze at the last resting place of the man who came so near to crushing Britain 125 years ago—but failed.

Continuing his Napoleonic tour, he visited the Madeleine, the church the Emperor ordered to be built as a temple of victory to immortalise the Grand Army which smashed Europe—for a time.

Hitler "did" the city thoroughly.

He smiled when he saw the swastika flying from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Just like a peacetime tourist, he climbed to the top. But he went there not to see the view, but to gloat over the city he had conquered.

He visited, too, the French hall of war trophies and inspected the Louvre and Notre Dame.

CLEAR ROADS IN RAIDS

Clear roads in raids was urged in the Commons by Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative M.P. for Aylesbury. He wants a ban placed on the use of the roads by anyone except the military and auxiliary services during air raids, the landing of troops from aeroplanes and any form of invasion.



Alice Faye, Fred MacMurray and Richard Greene in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Little Old New York," the colourful story of an era that had no equal. The 20th Century-Fox picture is currently showing at the King's Theatre.

CHAMBERLAIN MUST GO VOTE

Complete removal of the elements associated with the Chamberlain Government from important offices in this country was demanded in a resolution passed by sixty-one votes to forty-five at a delegate conference of the National Union of Scottish Mineworkers in Glasgow.

The conference called for a special emergency meeting of the Scottish T.U.C. to determine policy arising from the new war situation caused by the capitulation of France.

U.S.A. 'ANDERSON' SHELTER

The first American bomb-proof air-raid shelter, intended for mass production, has been exhibited by a firm at Quincy, Massachusetts.

It is to be placed on the market at £20.

OH FOR THE LIFE OF A WAR CORRESPONDENT

DEAR EDITOR: Just to give you an idea of what your correspondent is up against in a country like Switzerland where they take their fifth columns and spies seriously, listen to this.

The other day the newspapers carried a warning to all good Swiss (there are about 4,000,000 of them) to watch out for strangers who call up on the telephone and ask for information. The general staff said they might be spies.

Both the general staff and I knew they didn't mean me—but the Swiss didn't.

Next day a German bombing plane started home from France across Swiss territory. A Swiss fighting plane shot it down near Yverdon.

A general staff communiqué told me that much. Naturally I wanted to know more. I telephoned the Yverdon police. I explained who I was and asked if the Germans had been killed.

Not Known

"I don't know you," said the gendarme. I explained. He said he still didn't know me, and I was forced to admit he was right. I had never been to Yverdon. He said he couldn't tell me anything. I asked who could. He said he couldn't even tell me that.

I asked if he knew anybody who could introduce us. He didn't and I didn't. Finally, he said if I would call up the military commander of Yverdon, that gentleman might tell the policeman to man.

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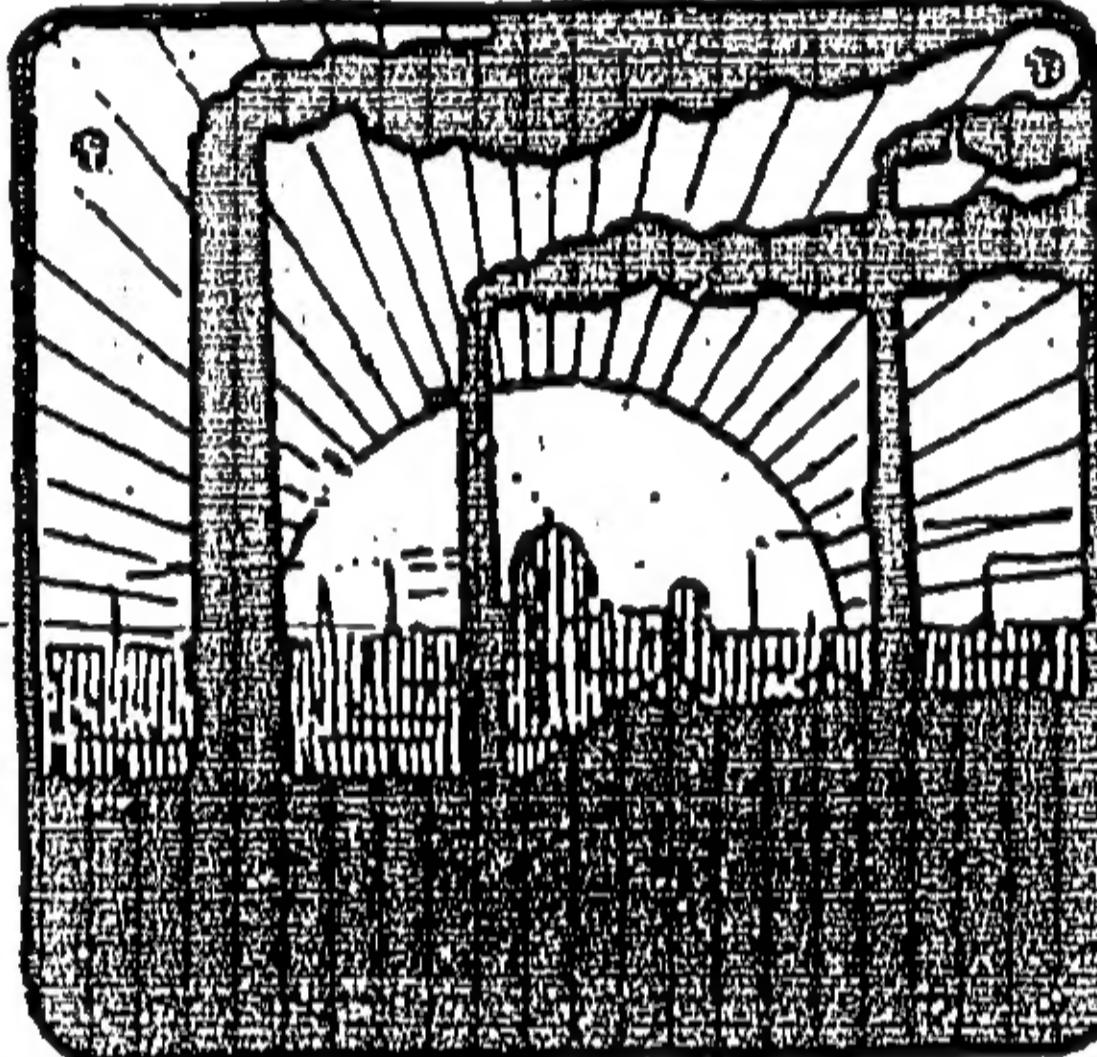
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♦ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 5

♦ Q 4

♣ J 10 7

♠ A 5

N 6 2

W E 8 4

2 9 5 3 2

S A Q 9 4

K 8 5 2

K Q J 7

K J 9

A K J 6

6 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 Pass 2 Pass

2NT Pass 3 Pass

4 Pass Pass Pass

West opened a low heart, East winning with the Ace. A club return seemed dangerous, so East shifted to the deuce of diamonds.

Now what stratagem could South employ to make his contract?

Something had to be done to steer the opponents away from a club lead

when they took the Ace of trumps. Decide what you would have done before you read on.

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Then South led the King of

spades. West took his ace and

fell into the trap by returning a

diamond. Dummy's Queen of

diamonds held, and South drew

trumps and discarded two of

dummy's clubs on the King and

Jack of diamonds. All he had

to do then was concede a club

and keep a straight face while

East and West argued about who

was to blame.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard

Schenken's partner and, with

neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ Q 9 8

6 3

♦ A Q 10 7 4

K 6 2

The bidding:

Schenken Maier You Burnstone

1 Pass (?)

2 Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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QUESTION NO. 491

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Maier You Burnstone

1 Pass 2 Pass

2 Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WOMAN "ENEMY OF

THE STATE," SAY

POLICE

When Mrs. Margaret Graham,

thirty-one, of Lenton, Nottingham,

was remanded in custody at the

Guildhall, Nottingham, charged

with endeavouring to cause dis-

affection among persons engaged

under a public authority in con-

nection with the defence of the

realm, Mr. Ogden Swift (for the

police) said that he had been

specificaly instructed by the Chief

Constable of Nottingham to op-

pose the renewal of bail.

Further statements that had

been taken since Mrs. Graham

was last before the court proved,

alleged the solicitor, that under

present circumstances she was an

enemy of the State.

THE CHINA MAIL, AUGUST 17, 1940

MUSIC TO SOOTHE WORKERS

OUR ROADS CANNOT BE CAMOUFLAGED

BRITAIN'S ROADS CANNOT BE CAMOUFLAGED TO MAKE THEM INVISIBLE FROM THE AIR.

That is the conclusion of Air Ministry experts and Ministry of Transport engineers who have been making experiments.

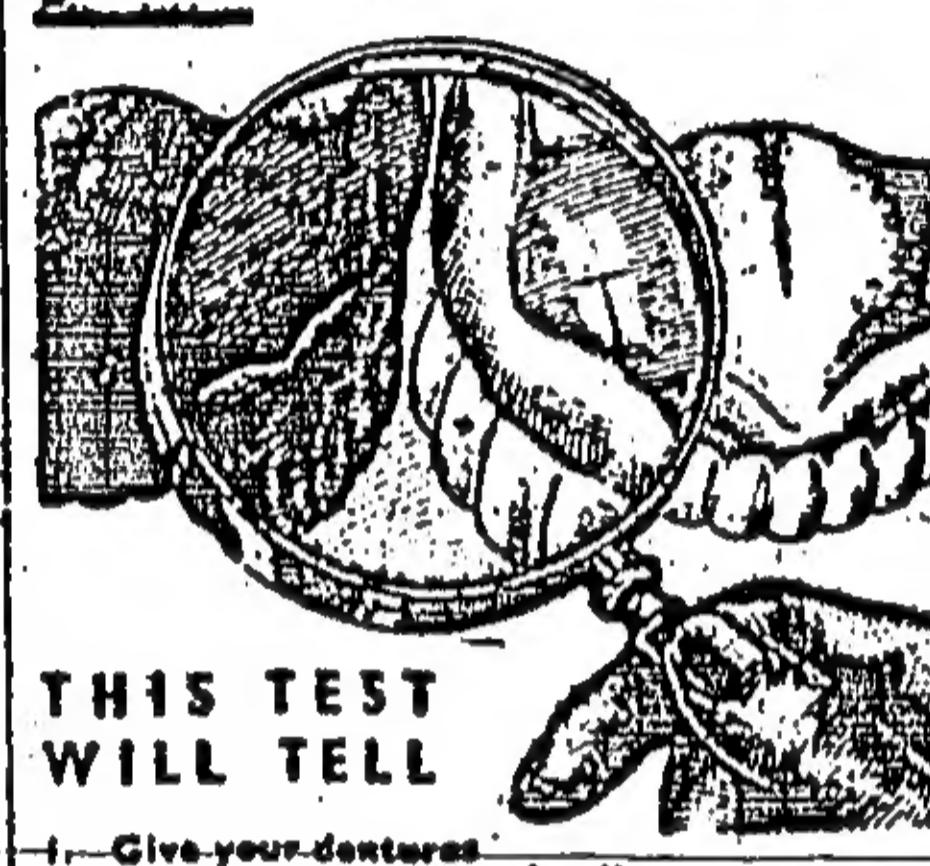
Their conclusion is that the roads are visible from the air because of their alignment and surroundings, such as junctions, buildings and hedges, and that effective disguise is not possible.

Commenting on the suggestion that roads might be painted cross-wise to break up their contours, an official of the Ministry of Transport said:

"Aerial photographs taken from various heights show that all roads, no matter what their colour, are visible to a greater or lesser degree—depending on the reflecting qualities of their surfaces.

"It is especially difficult to tone down extremes of contrasts and to disguise parallel lines. All that can be done is to try to reduce the visibility of highways which are especially noticeable."

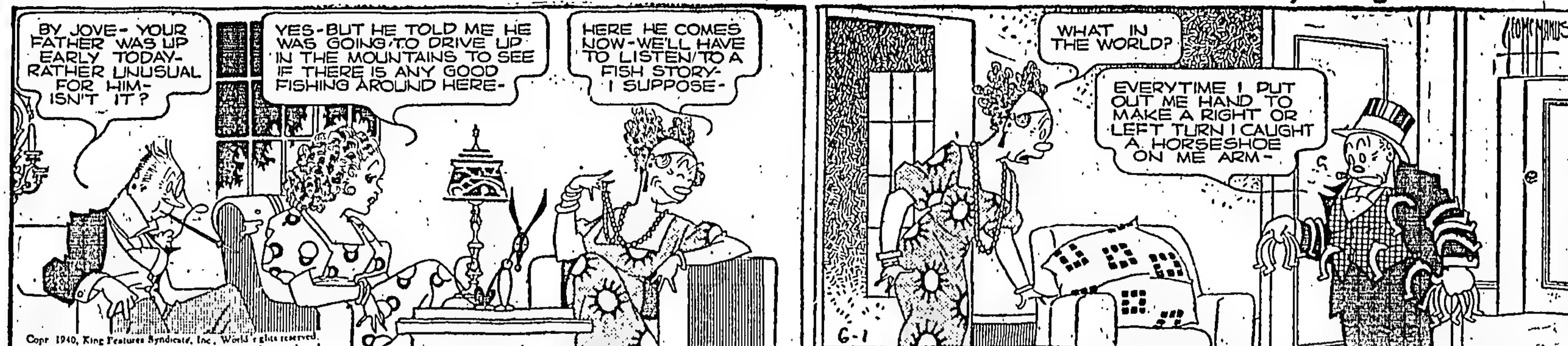
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

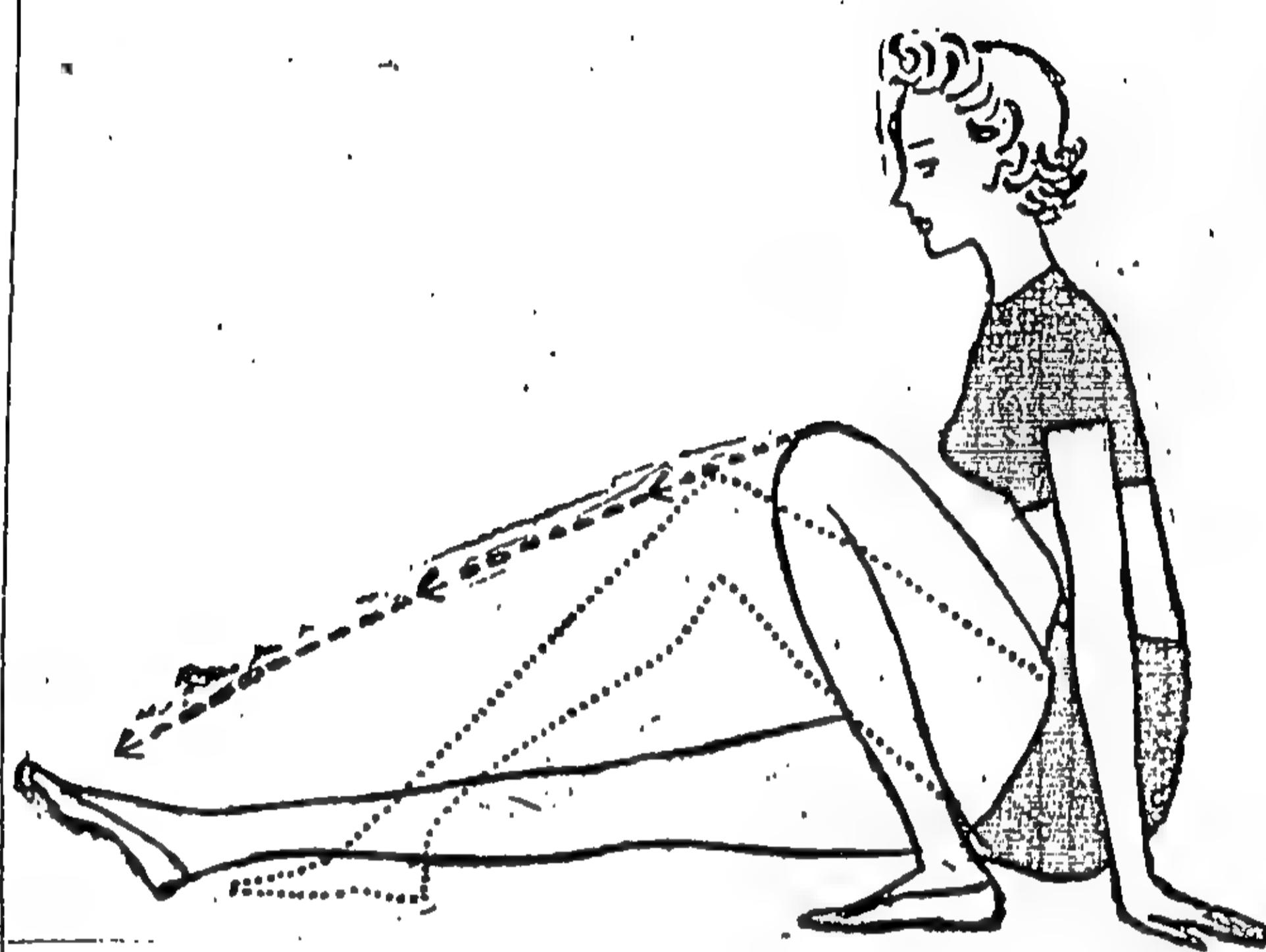
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Your hips may need slimming or your upper arms. Perhaps your hips are slim enough but your abdomen protrudes.

Many figure faults are corrected through the acquisition of good posture. This you can prove to yourself. Stand before a full-length mirror and grow tall from the waist line. Tuck in your buttocks, draw in your tummy. Throw your head back and look yourself straight in the eyes. "MY," you murmur, "if I could always look



This limbering exercise is excellent for toning muscles.

so regal." You may, so don't waste good time just wishing, get busy and GROW REGAL.

General Toning Routine

You probably have just been dreaming about exercising instead of doing it, so here is a general toning routine to get you limbered up. Niels Buhk gives it to us, famous Danish gymnast, so you may rely upon it. Go through it for one week, before doing other exercises:

1—Start from a squat position, (as illustrated) keeping hands on the floor; extend first the right leg, then the left leg forward as far as possible in rhythmic movement, without losing your balance. Relax. Repeat.

2—Stand up straight. Now bend deeply making your buttocks touch your heels which are raised slightly from the floor. Rise. Bend. Repeat five times.

3—Now be a jumping jack. As you jump up and down throw your arms upward, forward, sideward and downward. Do it on a one-two count. When out of breath, stop.

4—Now take four hops on one foot, while you swing the other leg forward and backward. Hop on the other foot, and swing opposite leg. Then try doing it with arms swinging in rhythm with leg.



An optimist is an amateur who thinks there's nothing to the accomplishment of riding an aquaplane.

give it a thorough massage and tie it up in a mask before you sun bathe. Otherwise give it a "pick-me-up" with creams and lotions when you arise from your nap. The right foundation for your skin does wonders for blending make-up, and you should shop until you find the shade and consistency best suited to your skin.

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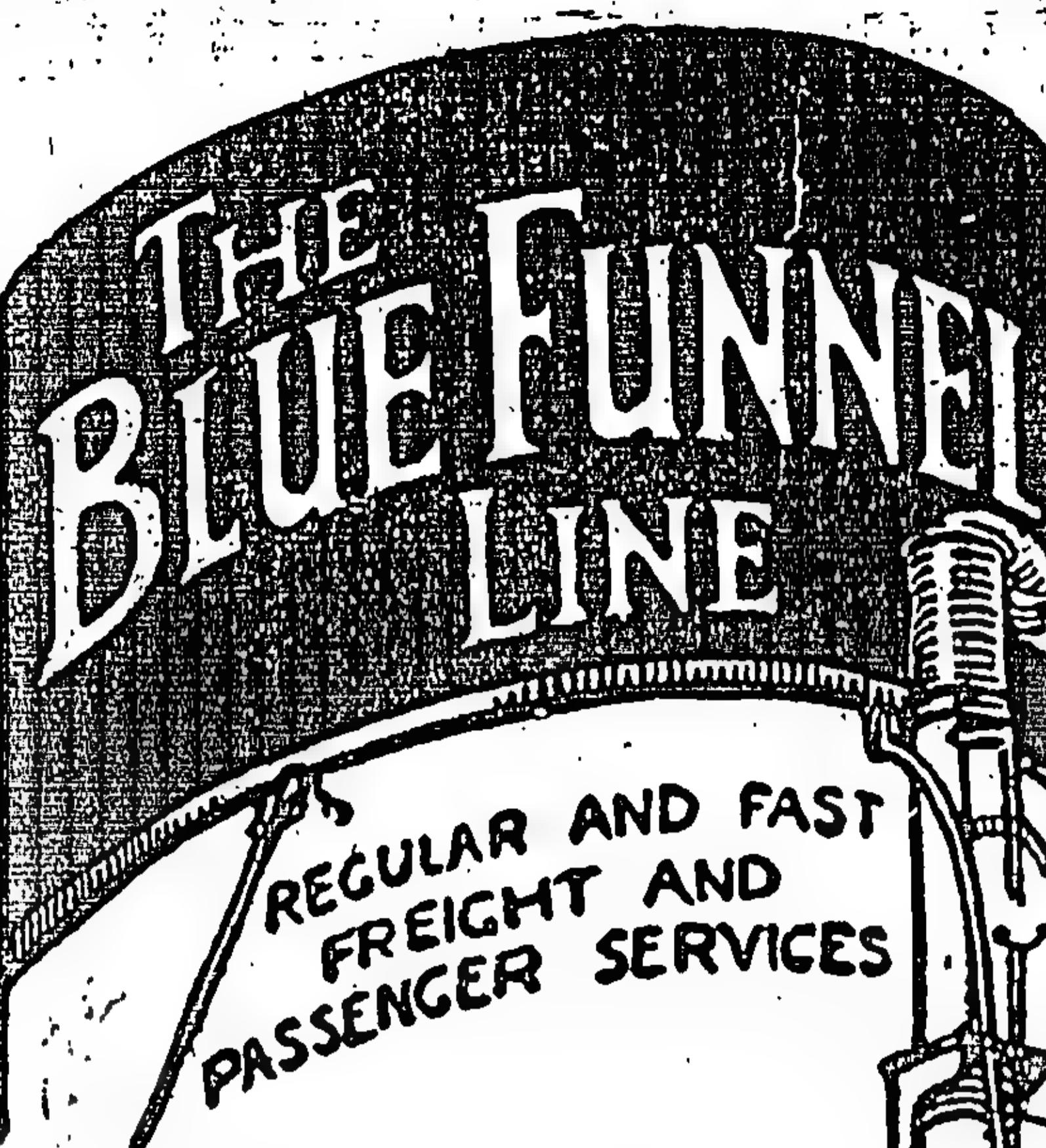
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1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne and Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Humorous and Vocal Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Selections from Wagner's Operas.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Mendelssohn Trio, Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
7.17 p.m.—The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News, Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs and Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago, with Jack Hylton, Comedy Harmonists, Boswell Sisters, New Mayfair Orchestra, Frank Crumit, Billy Costello and The Radio Three.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talk.
9.45 p.m.—"He Wanted Adventure", by Bobby Howes and Company.
10.20 p.m.—Dance Music.
10.30 p.m.—Variety, with Phil Regan, Ken Harvey, Louis Armstrong, Eddie Carlisle and The Mills Brothers.
11.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
12.00 midnight—Close down.

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Corps Artillery.

Dress for all Day Training for all other ranks Coast Defence Batteries.—Helmet, shirt, shorts, puttees rolled down, black boots, full web equipment with haversack, anti-gas respirator, water bottle filled. Overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried, also steel helmet, spoon, fork, knife, plate and mug.

1st Battery.—Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. B.C.A. L.G. Class. Thurs., 22nd Aug. No parade.

Sat., 24th Aug., H.Q. for D'Aguilar, 2.15 p.m. Week-end training. Greatcoats to be carried.

2nd Battery.—Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q. for Bluff Head, 8 a.m.

3rd Battery.—Thurs., 22nd Aug. No parade.

Sat., 24th Aug., H.Q. for Aberdeen, 2.30 p.m. Week-end training. Greatcoats to be carried.

4th Battery.—Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q. for Pak Sha Wan, 8 a.m.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. recruits only.

5th A.A. Battery.—Tues., 20th Aug.: (i) No. 1 Section, H.Q., 7.30 a.m. Full day's training. Dress—Helmet, shirt, trousers, boots, full web equipment including haversack and water bottle (filled), steel helmet over left shoulder; spare shirt, overalls to be carried in haversack as well as knife, fork and plate. (ii) No. 2 Section, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Lewis Gun Course, Dress—Mufti.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., No. 2 Section. Full day's training. Details etc. the same as for No. 1 Section above.

Fri., 23rd Aug., No. 1 Section, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. L.G. Course. Dress—Mufti.

Field Company Engineers.

Mon., 19th Aug., K.C.R., 8.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., K.C.R., 8.30 a.m. Technical training. Dress—Helmet, shirt, shorts, boots, puttees and hose tops. Jack-knife, pliers and overalls to be carried. Corps Signals.

Sat., 17th-Mon., 19th Aug. Week-end training. Line Detachment No. 1, H.Q., 2.15 p.m. Detachment No. 2, H.Q., 2 p.m. Uniform and equipment as detailed.

Mon., 19th Aug.: (i) A Group.

Wed., 21st Aug.: (i) Duties with Royal Signals as per Roster. (ii) A Group. Field signalling exercise. (iii) Remainder. Flag-Morse and Semaphore. Murray Parade.

Evening: (i) A Group. Semaphore. (ii) B Group. Lamp Reading. (iii) C Group. Morse flag. (iv) D/R Section. Signal training.

Fri., 23rd Aug.: (i) Duties with Royal Signals as per Roster. (ii) W/T Detachment. Group working etc. at Victoria Barracks. (iii) Line and D/R Detachments. Signal training under own N.C.O.'s. Programmes must be prepared.

Evening Parades. Map Reading Classes in C.S.O. Building and Barracks.

Mobile Column.

Sat., 24th Aug.: (i) H.Q., 7 a.m. Working Party as detailed. (ii) Hung Hom, 8 a.m. Remainder. Dress—Nos. 1 and 2 (Armd. C.) Pls. Battle Order. Overalls. R.T.R. cap will be carried. Topees will be fastened securely to kit bags.

Nos. 3 and 5 (M.M.G.) Pls. Battle Order. R.T.R. cap will be carried. Steel helmet will be fastened securely to kit bags. Topees will be worn.

All kit and equipment in the possession of other ranks must be taken to Camp. Kit bags will be clearly marked with owners name and neatly stacked by Platoons at Rendezvous immediately on arrival.

Mon., 19th Aug., H.Q., 5.45 p.m. N.C.O.'s. instruction Class.

Army Service Corps Company.

Mon., 19th/Sat., 24th Aug. inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections for duty as detailed under unit arrangements. Section Leaders to forward section training programmes to C.S.M. by Mon., 19th.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Whole Company. L.M.G. Lessons 9 and 10. I.A. S.A.T. Rifle. Lessons 17, 18, 19 and 20. Snap shooting, rapid shooting, firing behind cover lying position. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap.

C.S.M. will arrange to draw stores. Duty Section for transport and supplies will receive instructions regarding this parade from C.S.M.

Duty Officer—Capt. Potts.

Field Ambulance.

Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q., 9 a.m. Right Section under Lt. Stout.

Wed., 21st Aug., H.Q., 9 a.m. Centre Section under Lt. Rodrigues.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., H.Q., 9 a.m. Left Section under Lt. Balaen.

Dress—as for last week. Steel helmets for those in possession.

Training on the above days will be spent at H.Q. and will consist of lectures, gas drill and first aid.

Pay Section.

No. 1 Company.

Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. L.G. Training. Recruits Squad Sgt. Edwards.

Fri., 23rd Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Platoon arrangements. Recruits Squad. Sgt. Edwards.

No. 2 Company.

Tues., 20th Aug.: Nos. 5 and 7 Pls., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pl. Kowloon. Deck. All classes on stoppages.

Fri., 23rd Aug. Field day. Particulars to be issued later.

No. 3 Company.

Mon., 19th Aug., H.Q., 8.15 a.m. Dress as before. Rifle will be drawn before moving off.

Tues., 20th Aug. Recruits and those detailed. H.Q., 5.30 p.m.

Thurs., 22nd Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Recruits and those detailed. N.C.O.'s. Class.

No. 4 Company.

Mon., 19th Aug.: Nos. 13 and 14 Pls., H.Q., 8.30 a.m.; No. 15 Pl. H.K. men, H.Q., 7.30 a.m.; Kowloon men, K.C.R., 8.00 a.m. Dress for all platoons as for last week.

Tues., 20th Aug. Those detailed. L.G. Recruits. Infantry training.

Fri., 23rd Aug. Those detailed. L.G. Recruits. Infantry training.

Mon., 19th Aug., H.Q., 8 a.m. Dress—same as for last week.

Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Company Commander's parade.

No. 6 Company.

Mon., 19th Aug., H.Q., 8 a.m. Those detailed will report to O.C. No. 5 Coy. Dress—same as for last week less Box Respirators and steel helmets.

Tues., 20th Aug., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class.

Fri., 23rd Aug., H.Q., 8 a.m. Dress—same as for last week less Box Respirators and steel helmets.

Sat., 17th/Sun., 18th Aug. Manning Exercise. Parade at H.Q., 2 p.m. Sat., 17th. Dress—shirt, shorts, boots, hose tops, steel helmet, webbing equipment, sun helmet on left shoulder, box respirator, mess tin. The following will be carried in haversack:—trousers, cardigan, washing, shaving and cleaning kit, knife, fork and spoon.

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Wed., 21st Aug., H.Q., 2.15 p.m. Dress—shirts, shorts, stockings, S.D. cap, shoes, belt, respirator.

Fri., 23rd Aug., H.Q., 2.15 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Corps Rifle Club.—The Annual General Meeting of the Corps Rifle Club will be held in the Lecture Room at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, August 26th, 1940.

Agenda

Consideration of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

Election of Officers.

Election of H.K.R.A. Representative.

Adoption of rules.

Any other business.

All members are requested to attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT,
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Home Nursing Lecture.—Mon., 19th Aug., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Section Leaders Meeting.—Tues., 20th Aug., Cheero Club, 5.30 p.m.

Practical Class.—Wed., 21st Aug., Military Hospital. Transport leaves Vol. H.Q. at 2.15 p.m. for non-office workers and Queen's Pier at 4.15 p.m. for office workers.

Entertainment Committee.—Thurs., 22nd Aug., Cheero Club, 5.15 p.m. Meeting.

First Aid Lecture.—Fri., 23rd Aug., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Uniform need not be worn to this lecture.

Uniform.—There will be no further facilities at Vol. H.Q. for the ordering and fitting of Outdoor Uniforms. Members wishing to obtain uniforms must make arrangements with the tailors direct.

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MUCH WILL DEPEND ON LEARNING TO SWIM THE PITCHERS IN TO-DAY'S "NEEDLE" BASEBALL DUEL

International Series Opens To-morrow

By "GRANDSTAND"

ONLY TWO TILTS are scheduled for the weekend. This afternoon U.S.S. Mindanao and Hong Kong Brewery will tangle once more for the championship of the League and to-morrow Portugal will cross bats with Great Britain in the curtain-raiser of the International series.

To-day at 2.30 p.m. baseball fans will be packing the grandstand at Caroline Hill to witness another play-off between the Mindanao nine and the Hong Kong Brewers baseball bruisers to decide the destination of the Bagram shield and the Vogue Trophy for the current season.

After last week's results when both teams failed to score for six full innings and the game was called in the seventh on account of rain, the bookies are not giving any odds this week although they give the edge to the Brewers to take the Chasemen to town.

We can only take a guess at the outcome of this "needle" game and it will depend mostly on how the two pitchers perform during the struggle. If Ski Powlawski is on form and pitches the same brand of ball he so masterly thucked last Saturday, I give the edge to the bluejackets to snatch a victory. On the other hand ball games are not won only by good pitching and the Minny boys will have to be at their best with the willow wand to score runs off Maden Arculli's deliveries.

With several of their players gone on transfer Mindanao will have to make several changes in their line-up and borrow two players from U.S.S. Tulsa. Mindanao will probably line-up as follows: Ski Powlawski, pitcher; Tony Mascavage, catcher; "Horse-face" Douglas, first base; Poochie Chase, second base; Maxwell (Tulsa), third base; and Rabacchi (Tulsa), shortstop. The out-fielders will be in all probability "Highpockets" Wilson, left field; "Muddy" Ruel, centre field; and either Padgett or Cook at right field. H.B. will be fielding their usual line-up.

Doc Molthen, Grandpop Leung and Mike Mendonca are slated to umpire this game.

International Series

In the only game scheduled for to-morrow Portugal will face Sammy Izatt.

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

By Santiago Llado

(As told to Hal P. Mills of the Shanghai "China Press.")

All right, until a dozen years of so ago I knew little or nothing about the American game of baseball, which I have been told, originated in England. Until I took a fancy to baseball I imagined that the greatest sports were *Hai-Alai* and bull fighting. I happen to be Spanish.

The first game I witnessed, here in Shanghai, puzzled me no end, but I went again. By the time I had seen four or five full games I began to get the hang of the sport—and like it.

I don't pose as an authority on baseball, but for a non-American I argue that I know the finer points of the game as well as the next one.

To my way of thinking, the greatest play I have seen was at Hongkew Park a few years ago when the Amateurs were playing a crack Japanese college team.

Jimmy Deegan made the play. Unfortunately, it had no bearing on the outcome of the game, the Amateurs that day taking a sound drubbing, but it remains as a really great play.

In the seventh inning and with the Nipponee at bat, two men managed to get aboard with one down. They worked a perfect double steal and put Al Huebner, who was toiling, in a tough spot.

Jimmy was capering in the left garden. The batter hit a hard high one to left centre. For a brief moment Jimmy lost the ball in the sun, or at any rate appeared to do so, then spied it and made a desperate, gallant run for it.

Nearing the ball as the sphere was nearing the ground, Jimmy made a forward lunge, bare hatted outstretched, seized and held the ball but fell flat on his face. The peppery Jimmy rose with alacrity and whipped the ball to second sack, the ball arriving there barely ahead of the runner, completing a fine double play.

Jimmy was cheered when he headed for the players bench and got another hand when he advanced to bat. He further endeared himself by whacking out a clean single to right.

(H.P.M.'s note: Mr. S. Llado, better known as "Jimmy," is a baseball, boxing and Hal Alai devotee. He is the proud father of a trio of lovely young daughters, all of whom are excellent amateur dancers.)

AQUATICS

MISS LEE'S PROMISE WITH BACK-STROKE

By "Natator"

An interesting gala was held by South China at their pool at North Point on Tuesday night. The chief attraction of the evening was the 100 metres breast-stroke for Ladies and the 200 metres breast-stroke for men, both open to the Colony. Four competitors entered for both of the events, the former being won by Miss Lee Po-luen in 1 min. 38-3/5 sec., whilst the latter was won by Ho Pun-kun in 3 mins. 12 sec.

Taking the lead from the start, Miss Lee Po-luen had no difficulty in finishing almost five seconds ahead of Miss Au Mel-chuen, who also easily finished second. As usual the Misses Ho Wal-man and Ngan Suet-yeo battled for third place, the former beating it out by just a touch.

In spite of the fact that Enrique Chan, Colony Champion and record holder was unable to be present owing to illness, and Fong Chung U, another breast-stroke exponent did not compete, the event for men provided most of the excitement for the evening, as the struggle for first place was so close that even after three-quarters of the course was finished, Ho Pun-kun and Fung Wal-sang were still racing neck to neck, and it was only in the last few yards that Ho managed to forge ahead in a magnificent spurt to touch the board first. Equally thrilling was the members 50 metres dash, as the six swimmers advanced in a straight line for the first half of the distance, and when about ten metres from the finish, Donald Yeung Cheuk-wa shot out ahead, closely followed by Mak Kan-nam and Au Leung-wa...

Good Talent

The ladies' back-stroke brought some fairly good talent, and although the times returned were nothing much to talk about, I can foresee better times with better coaching.

Miss Lee Cheuk-wa who easily won the event in 1 min. 51 sec., has a powerful arm-pull and strong leg-kick, and need not improve very much in these departments, but it is on swimming with less body-twist that she must concentrate her attention. In contrast the other swimmers swam with their bodies very straight, but their weak strokes let them down.

In the water-polo game that concluded the programme, Eastern Athletic Association avenged their previous defeat at the hands of South China, by a win over the home team by four goals-to-two.

Tsu Hang for the Eastern drew first blood when he scored during a free-throw in front of the South China's goal. Soon afterwards, Henry Sa equalised for South China with a strong forehand shot. Kwok Fung-sun was penalised for ducking and Henry Sa was allowed a free-throw which he passed to Lionel Lowe who scored for South China. With one goal in arrears, Chu Chuk-yau equalised once more for Eastern early in the second half, whilst Tsu Hang added another for them to take the lead again. A few seconds before the game ended, Shek Kam-pui swam all the way up with the ball and scored from close range.

Faster Team

The Easterners, on the whole were the faster team, but erratic passing on the part of their forwards lost them many opportunities. The backs played a tight defensive game, and were determined not to let Henry Sa repeat his hat-trick performance of a few days ago, when he scored all three goals for his side through volley-shots.

For South China, Poon Yan-leung was very safe at right back, but was too inclined to adopt an aggressive play, with the result that his charge always beat him on the swim back when he failed to score. This put an additional burden on the already busy guards, Lee Ke-yeung and Harold Wing-lee, both of whom held down the score fairly well. Ng Wal-chol, keeping goal, stopped many point-blank shots, but was rather slow in his clearings.

Eastern:—Woo Cho-kin, Shek Kam-pui (1), Kwok Fung-sun, Lee Fook-ke, Tonying Kew, Tsu Hang (2), Chu Chuk-yau (1).

South China:—Ng Wal-chol, Poon Yan-leung, Lee Ke-yeung, Harold Wing-lee, Lionel Lowe (1), Kwok Kat-chiu, Henry Sa (1).

baseball, boxing and Hal Alai devotee. He is the proud father of a trio of lovely young daughters, all of whom are excellent amateur dancers.)

The Crawl Stroke

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"The Complete Swimmer"

(This is the fourth of a series of 12 articles which appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor.")

"THE SWIMMER HAS become an engineer interested in getting as much from his stroke as he can for the amount of energy he puts into it. Of all swimming strokes, the overarm best answers his purposes."

There is a story of a swimmer who, in the days before the crawl stroke had been perfected, managed with his legs tied to beat an opponent, only to be beaten, when his legs were untied, by the same rival. The simplest explanation is that his kick was too full of retarding movements. Most strokes have a certain amount of negative action, the withdrawal of the knees and thighs in the breast-stroke kick or the scissors kick, for example, and the difference between good and bad swimming often depends upon the extent to which the effect of these negative movements is cut down.

STROKING STREAMLINED

If there is any one outstanding reason for the success of the modern crawl, it is the fact that it represents stroking streamlined to the point where retarding movements have been reduced to a minimum. Study the three illustrations to discover if there is any particular point in the arm or leg actions where considerable resistance is offered to the water. The beating of the legs, the pull of the arms below surface and their recovery above represent a continuous forward drive.

The crawl permits a greater application of continuous power than any other stroke. Its evolution dates back to the Egyptians and farther. The Australians, British and South Sea Islanders have contributed to its development; but although the arm-over-arm action seems to have been traditional, to-day's powerful six-beat flutter kick geared to an efficient arm stroke is evidently an improvement on any past method, a credit to modern swimming engineers.

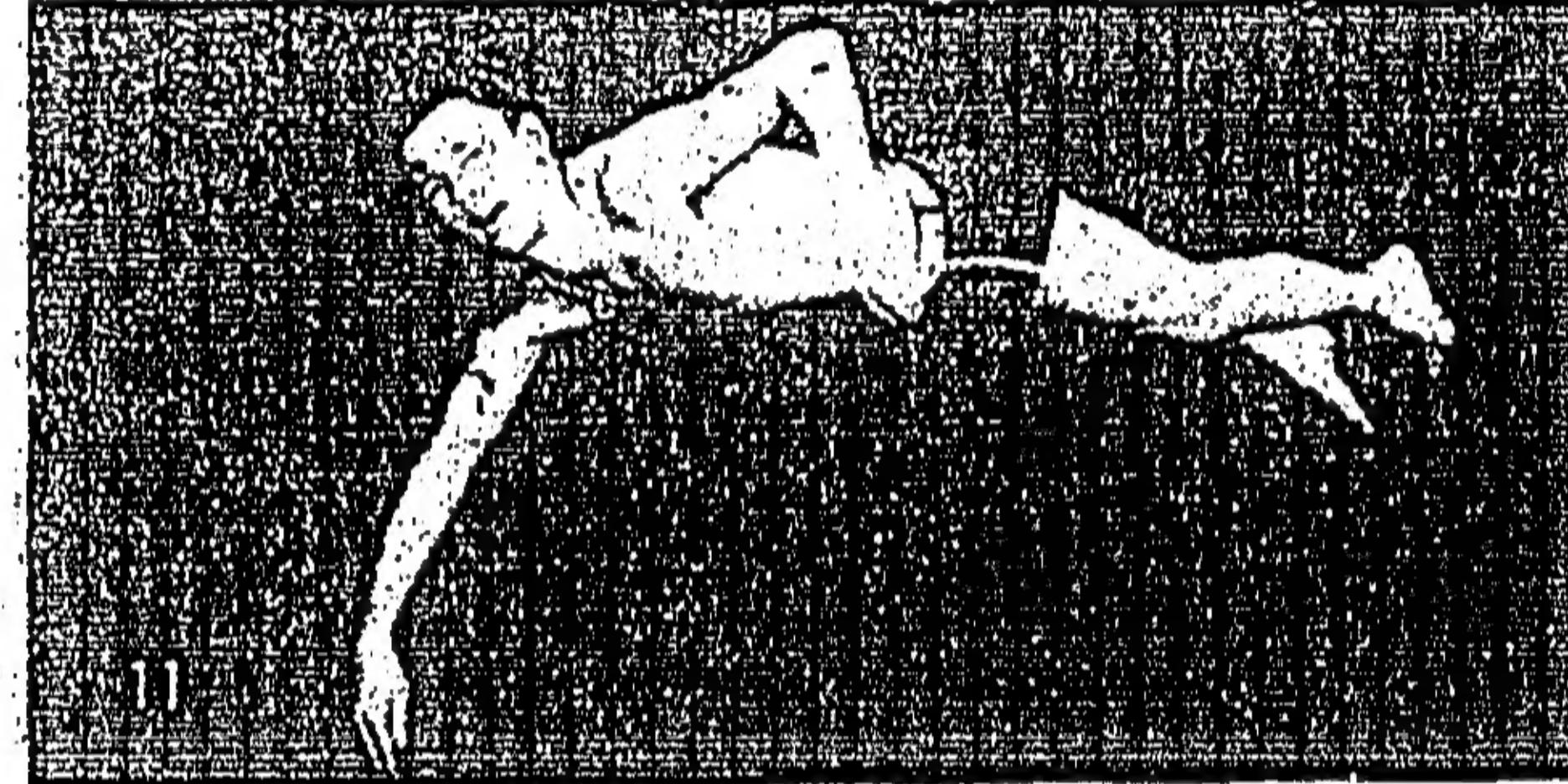
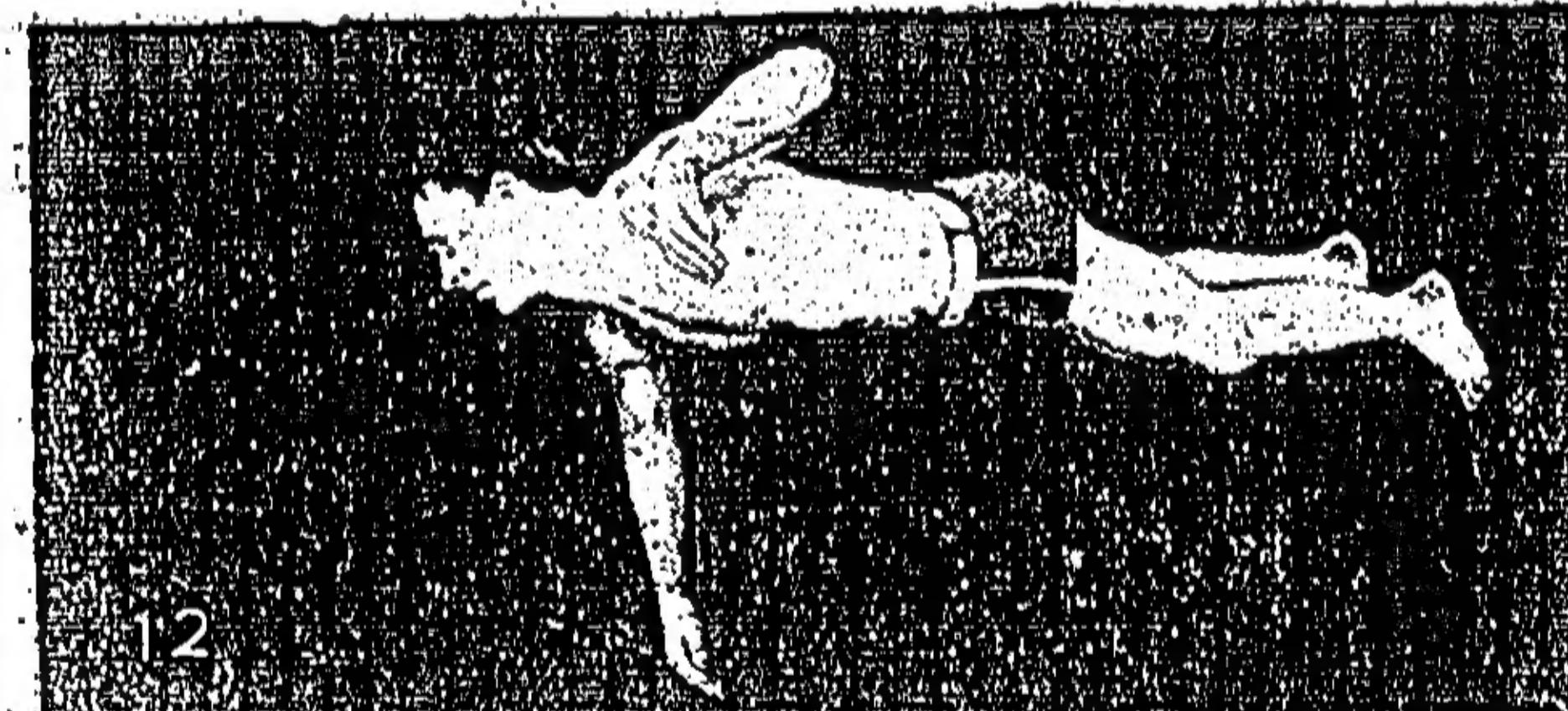
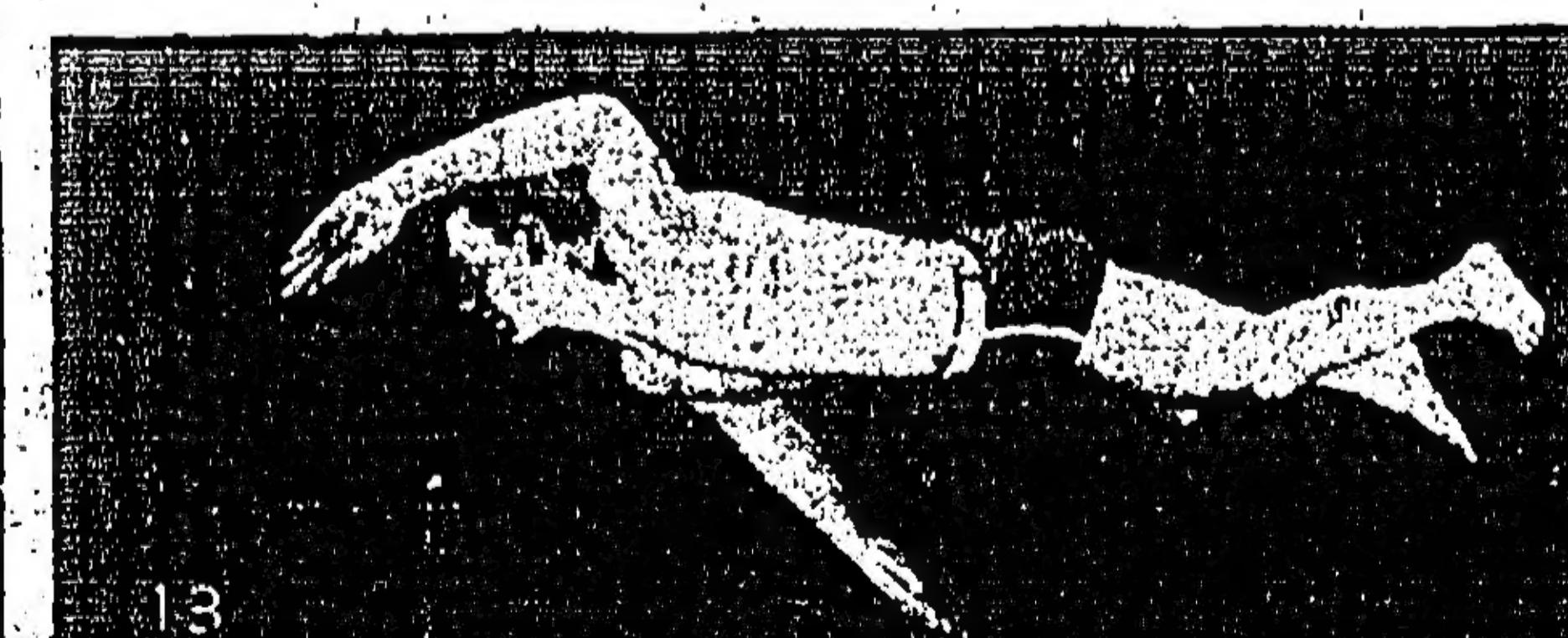


Figure 11 indicates how the repeated here. The breathing, body is somewhat arched from the hips and the head slightly pulled arm has taken a firm grip on the water. Because the body is elevated. Most of to-day's best crawl strokers seem to try to somewhat more stable with the plane along the surface rather than to burrow through the water. Assuming that the swimmer has already been working on a rudimentary crawl, the method of getting under way described in the other arm to recover. (Figures preceding article need not be 11 and 12.)



The recovering arm (in this case the left) passes high and close to the body. It does not reach to full extension before entry but dips into the water a short distance in front of the head (figure 13). It then glides to full extension, pressing slightly downward, to a point about a foot below the surface, while the other arm is still pulling.



The pull itself as figure 11 shows is not executed with too pronounced a bending of the arm. The heavy muscles of the shoulders and back do most of the work.

The crawl-stroke kick, as previously emphasised, is an undulating forceful downward thrust from the thigh, the knee and ankle joints supple. A powerful kick can give speed and balance to this stroke. The co-ordination, worked out after considerable experimentation, is three beats or kicks to an arm pull, six to a complete

certain rhythm. The down beat of the right leg begins with the pull of the right arm (figure 11), followed by a downbeat of the left (12) and another of the right (13) as the pull is completed. As the left arm goes into action, the left leg executes a down beat, with a right and another left co-ordinating with this pull.

It is this co-ordination combined with the ease and flow of the stroke that makes it a favourite with young and old, men or women. Properly executed, the stroke will do for speed or for distance or just for leisurely loafing through the water.

Photographs and quotations are from "The Complete Swimmer," published by the Macmillan Company of New York.

HONOURS FOR MISS WALSH

Stella Walsh of Cleveland ran off with individual honours in the women's National A. A. U. track and field championships recently.

Miss Walsh retained her 200-metre dash and running broad jump crowns and placed second in the 100-metre event to annex the individual trophy with 28 points.

Her efforts, however, were not enough to carry her team, the Cleveland Polish Olympic Women's Club, to the team championship which was successfully defended by Tuskegee Institute of Alabama with 85 points. The Cleveland combine had 46-1/3 for runner-up honours.

Miss Walsh took the 200 metres in 26.1 seconds and the running broad jump with a leap of 17 feet, 1/2 inches. She placed second to 17-year-old Jean Lane, Wilberforce University, Ohio, Negro star, in the 100. Miss Lane won in 12 seconds.

Miss Lane also captured the 50-metre dash in 6.6 seconds to tie Catherine Fellmuth of the Chicago Park Hurricanes for second place individual honours. Miss Fellmuth retained her discus throw crown with a toss of 114 feet 11 inches and her eight-pound shot put title with a heave of 38 feet 3 1/8 inches.—Associated Press.

BREAKING ATHLETIC RECORDS

Larry Snyder, Ohio State track coach, takes pencil in hand, does a little figuring and comes up with what he calls "danger marks" for track and field events, writes Jerry Brondfield.

Once attained by an athlete, these figures indicate that on a given day, under certain conditions, the athlete is capable of breaking the world record in his particular event.

As an example in his argument, Snyder uses that day in May, 1935, when Jesse Owens cracked three world marks and tied another at Ann Arbor.

"Jesse was in perfect form that day," says the coach. "The wind, the sun, the humidity was right. And because he was capable of attaining the proper danger marks in each event he proceeded to go out and break the records.

"Any athlete can duplicate Jesse's marks—even better them—if he comes up to his danger marks in good shape," Snyder continues. "Many stars hit these marks often during their careers, but only on the right day can they go beyond that."

Here are Snyder's danger marks, with world records in parentheses: 100-yard dash, 9.6 (9.4); 220-yard dash, 21 (20.3); 440-yard dash, 47.1 (48.4); 880-yard run, 1.52; high hurdles, 14.4 (13.7); low hurdles, 23.2 (22.6); high jump, 6 ft. 6 in. (6-9 1/4); two-mile run, 9.15 (8.56.8); pole vault, 13 ft. 6 in. (15-1 1/4); broad jump, 25 ft. (26-8 1/4); javelin, 200 ft. (253-4 1/2); discus, 160 ft. (189-6 1/2); shot put, 50 ft. (57-1).

JUNIOR COLLEGE STAR HITS 9.3 UNOFFICIALLY

These figures represent a great effort and probably would win 99 out of 100 dual meets. It is reasonable to expect that a crack sprinter who has bettered 9.6, might some day leave his blocks with the gun, get a good leg drive in the first 15 yards and then hit the full extent of his natural speed and rhythm in the stretch.

If, as Snyder points out, he gets a day with the right meteorological conditions, and a good field pushing him, he might tack up 9.3.

Harold Davis, the Salinas Junior College freshman who came out of nowhere to win the National A.A.U. 100 and 200-metre crowns, has been clocked unofficially in 9.4 and has just started a career which has a good four years remaining. Coast critics believe he is the man to do 9.3 if anyone will in this generation.

H.K.R.A. YEAR BOOK

We have received a copy of the Hong Kong Rifle Association Year Book 1939-40.

Neatly compiled, the booklet contains much of interest both to members and the general public. It is well illustrated the pictures including those of H. E. Admiral Sir Percy Noble, H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett and Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith who are Vice-Patrons of the Association.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon Docks	..... (46)	v Recreio "A"	..... (72)
Craigengower	..... (72)	v Civil Service C.C.	..... (62)
Recreio "B"	..... (51)	v Kowloon C.C.	..... (64)
Hong Kong F.C.	..... (50)	v Kowloon B.G.C.	..... (73)
Police R.C.	..... (42)	v Indian R.C.	..... (85)

SECOND DIVISION

Hong Kong C.C.	..... (64)	v Craigengower	..... (60)
Police R.C.	..... (58)	v Taikoo R.C.	..... (62)
Civil Service	..... (40)	v Kowloon B.G.C.	..... (83)
Kowloon C.C.	..... (46)	v Kowloon Tong	..... (71)
Recreio	..... (52)	v Kowloon F.C.	..... (77)

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon B.G.C.	..... (61)	v H.K. Electric	..... (64)
Kowloon F.C.	..... (59)	v Prison O.C.	..... (56)
Craigengower	..... (57)	v H.K. Cricket Club	..... (55)

Figures in bracket denote the result of the first game this season.

KOVACS TRIUMPH

Frank Kovacs, the tall young tennis player from Oakland, Calif., won the 26th annual Nassau County Club invitation tournament recently by defeating Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore., 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.



It was the first major grass court triumph for the 20-year-old Kovacs, who was tenth in the national rankings two years ago but was unranked last year when he played in only a few tournaments.

RECREIO TAKING NO CHANCES TO-DAY

AFTER THEIR SETBACK during the week at the hands of Police, Club de Recreio are taking no chances in to-day's game at Kowloon Docks and should win though there will not be the large difference in the margin of score as in the first game.

Craigengower should account for Civil Service at home to keep in the running for the championship.

The best games of the day are in Third Division, where Kowloon Bowling Green Club meet the Electricians at Austin Road and Kowloon Football Club are at home to the Prison Officers' Club.

In their first meeting Electric won by three shots after a good game, but Bowling Club will have home advantage this afternoon and are quite liable to turn the tables.

Kowloon Football Club, who have shown some improvement recently should extend Prison Officers, but it is not expected that they are yet good enough to win.

The leaders of Second Division—Bowling Green Club and Taikoo—should win their games comfortably against the lowly placed Civil Service and Police respectively.

SKIP'S BEST FOR TO-DAY

Craigengower (v H.K.C.C.)
Craigengower (v Civil Service C.C.)
Kowloon Bowling Green Club (v Civil Service C.C.)

VOLUNTEER DUTIES

It is understood that the game between Craigengower and Hong Kong Cricket Club in Third Division has been postponed owing to the inability of the latter to raise a team on account of Volunteer duties.

BOWLS TEAMS

H.K.C.C.

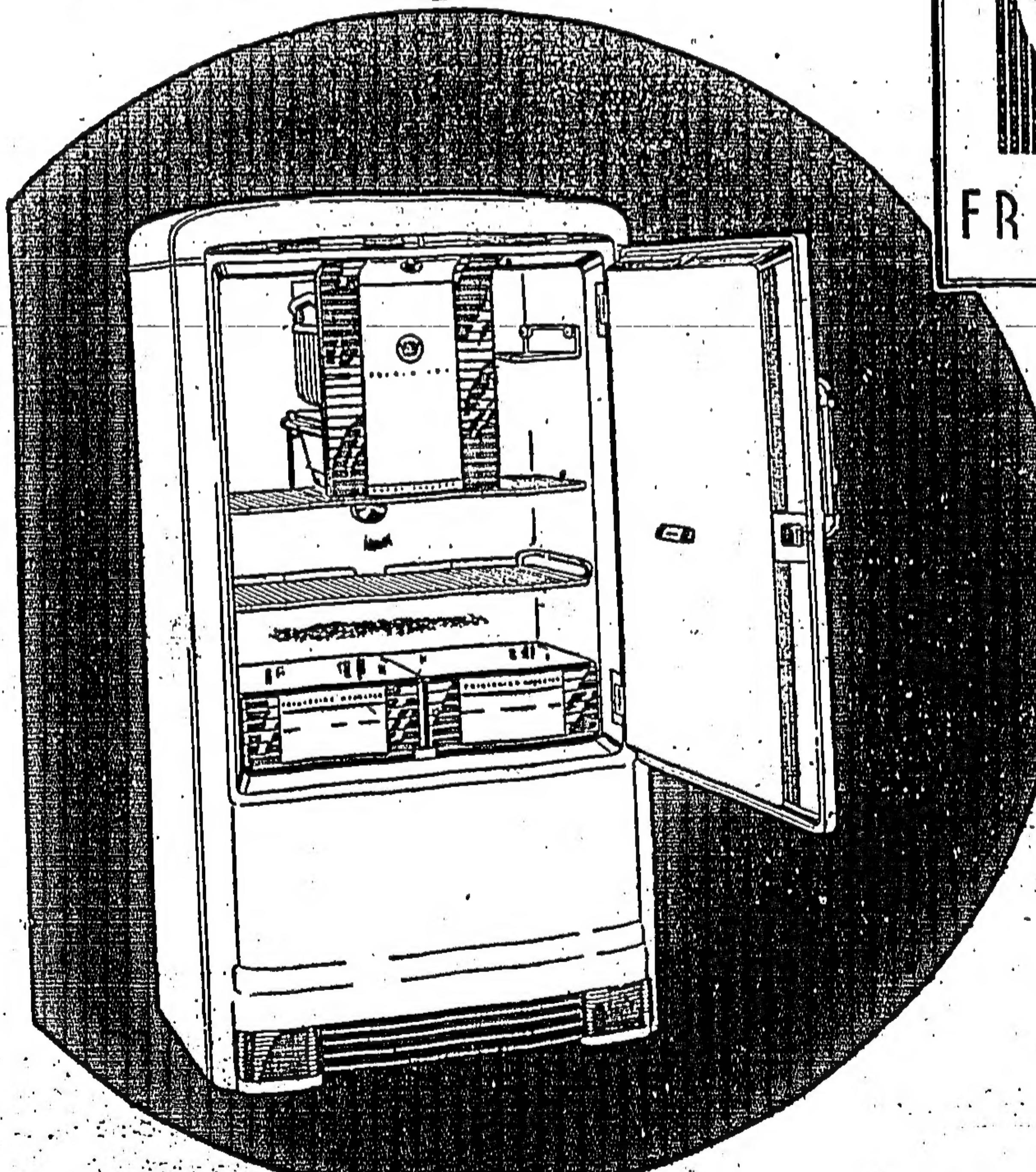
Second Division (v C.C.C. Home):—
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, F. D. Angus, W. A. Cruickshank and R. H. Wild (Skip); A. T. Lay, N. D. Lloyd, E. Hospes and R. R. Davies (Skip); A. D. Humphreys, H. A. Angus, J. Prentice and J. A. D. Morrison (Skip).

Third Division (v C.C.C. Away):—
J. Owen Hughes, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. R. Gilroy and P. S. Cassidy (Skip); T. C. Fairburn, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Landon and W. A. Cornell (Skip); W. J. Hansen, E. W. Hamilton, E. S. Doughty and T. A. Pearce (Skip).

TAIKOO R.C.

Third Division (v P.R.C., away)—
Cunningham, Crimmins, Watson and Keown (skip); Peterson, McArthur, Main and Munro (skip); Gibson, Thomson, Melrose and Chalmers (skip).

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WARSHIPS FOR WAR BASES

President Roosevelt said in Washington yesterday that the United States was "carrying on conversations with the Canadian Government with a view towards better defence of the American Hemisphere."

He also said the United States was holding conversations with Britain on the acquisition of naval and air bases by the United States "with special reference to the Panama Canal."

Making the latter announcement at his press conference, President Roosevelt repeatedly warned reporters not to link it with any speculation about the release of American destroyers to Britain, but despite the President's warning one American political writer remarked to Reuter as he left the conference: "Britain can have those destroyers."

He was undoubtedly expressing the general belief that this is an obvious quid pro quo for granting the desired bases.—Reuter.

Congressional reaction remains to be seen, but recognition of the desirability of an American naval base in the West Indies has long been so widespread in the capital that much would be given for it.

Protests from the minority of bitter isolationists are of course bound to be heard.

Positive Attitude

Notable feature of the President's conference was the positive attitude he adopted after some weeks of "treading water."

Without waiting for questions, he waded into his theme before any of those present, numbering over 100, could say a word.

Some observers already predict the President plans to speed up the British Isles.—Reuter.

ITALIANS FIND THE GOING TOUGHER

INFORMATION RECEIVED in Cairo yesterday shows that the Italians in Somaliland are meeting increased difficulties the further they advance.

The force moving from Aeila towards Berbera along the coast road is dangerously exposed to fire from the British Navy which has successfully slowed it up.

The Air Force is indefatigable in harassing raids on Italian troops both on the coast and inland, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy at every available opportunity.

Reports from the Western Desert indicate that preparations for an Italian invasion of Egypt continue to hang fire.

While official communiques are reticent, it is indicated that British advanced patrols inside Libyan territory are still doing excellent work.—Reuter.

MALTA AGAIN RAIDED

Malta was raided again on Thursday by a strong formation of Italian bombers, protected by fighters.

Several bombs were dropped but no important damage was caused.

One civilian was injured and a British plane fell into the sea.—Reuter.

WITH THE ANZACS

The Hon. Mr. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, yesterday inspected forestry and railway companies of the Australian Imperial Force in southern England.—Reuter.

Efforts to aid Britain while public attention is focussed on the great battle now going on in the British Isles.—Reuter.

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A NAZI SCURRY

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Machine-gun bullets and empty cartridge cases showered in the streets of one town.

One raider dived beneath electric supply cables, which were not more than 25 feet above the ground.—Reuter.

WEST POINT CAVE-IN TRAGEDY

A 13-year-old boy was killed and 12 others injured last night when the roof of No. 282, Queen's Road West, caved in.

One woman is missing and it is believed that she has been buried under the debris.

STOP PRESS

The Royal Observatory registered the 100th inch of rainfall for the year at 12.15 p.m. yesterday, August 16. This is the earliest date that the century mark has been reached on record.

The previous earliest dates were September 7, 1885, September 9, 1889, and September 11, 1891.

Part of the new French army growing up on English soil carried out tactical exercises yesterday while German raiders flew overhead and in the distance bombs were seen exploding.

Many of these Frenchmen have already fought the Germans in Norway and France and they showed expert skill in modern battle tactics.

Almost at the moment the exercises began, air raid sirens wailed and the drone of German bombers was heard followed by the thud of bombs and the roar of British fighters and the rattle of their machine-guns.

While the drama of the air was being played out above their heads, the French troops continued the exercises.—Reuter.

casualties, some fatal.

These planes were heavily engaged by anti-aircraft batteries and fighters. Some got round the south-east side of London but dropped no bombs.

In the early afternoon, attacks were made at seven points on the south coast. Bombs were dropped on the Isle of Wight, causing little damage, and R.A.F. aerodromes were attacked.

Station Hit

A large raiding force of enemy planes again entered the Thames Estuary and some dropped bombs on the south-west suburbs of London. A station was hit and shops and houses damaged.

Reports so far indicate that there was a small number of injured, some fatally.

Activity continued during the evening, and our fighters were constantly in action during the day. The Air Ministry communiqué concludes by saying that it may be stated that over 50 enemy planes were destroyed, 12 of our planes are reported lost but the pilots of eight are safe.—Havas.

TWO GREEK SHIPS TORPEDOED

The New York shipping journal "Maritime Register" stated yesterday: "Reports have been received that the Greek freighters *Thetis* and *Naptolis* have been torpedoed and sunk while en route from South America to Africa. Nine were lost in the *Thetis* and one in the *Naptolis*."—Reuter.

A 15-year-old boy was killed, two women and a man were in hospital critically injured and a woman is still missing following the collapse of the roof of a house at West Point last night.

The accident, which is believed to be due to the recent heavy rains, occurred at 11 o'clock, when the roof of No. 262, Queen's Road West caved in onto the second floor.

Two women, a man and a 10-year-old boy are now in Queen Mary Hospital, where their condition is stated to be serious, and a 15-year-old boy was killed outright.

A rescue party was still digging in the ruins this morning in a search for the missing woman.

While recently the Chinese press in Peking, which is considered to reflect the views of the Japanese army in North China, has been agitating against "European and American" influence in China without specifically attacking Britain, the withdrawal of British troops, which a few days ago, was hailed as a "judicious move," is the occasion now for a further anti-British outburst.

One paper carries a statement that to oppose Britain is even more urgent than to crush General Chiang Kai-shek.

Another states: "A clash with British troops in China may be inevitable," though how this is possible if they are being withdrawn, is not mentioned.

Meanwhile the Peking Anti-British Association, according to Chinese reports, has sent letters to the landlords of British tenants urging them to hasten the evacuation of Britons from their premises.—Reuter.

It is understood that as the result of further negotiations with the Bulgarian Government on the Dobrudja issue, the Rumanian Government has agreed to cede Silesia and Balchik.

A Bulgarian delegation is expected to arrive at Craiova next week for discussion of the final terms of cession of south Dobrudja.—Reuter.